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Director, FBI

DATE: March 16, 1955

Havana, Cuba

FROM

Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-12)

SUBJECT:

CUBAN POLITICS

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Coincident with the inauguration of General FULGENCIO BATISTA ZALDIVAR on February 24, 1955, to serve a four year term as President of Cuba, he announced the members of his cabinet. The Embassy has prepared the following brief summary on the cabinet members which is thought to be of possible interest to the Bureau.

Prime Minister: Dr. Jorge CARCIA Montes.

(Lawyer; 58 years old; political affiliation: Partido Accion Progresista; prominent in Batista's old Partido Accion Unitaria; elected Senator from Las Villas Province on November 1, 1954.)

Minister of State: Dr. Carlos SALADRIGAS y Zayas.

(Lawyer; 54 years old; political affiliation: Partido Accion Progresista; elected Senator from Pinar del Rio Province on November 1, 1954.)

Minister of Justice: Dr. Cesar E. CAMACHO Covani.

(Lawyer; 55 years old; political affiliation: Partido Liberal; elected Senator from Oriente Province on November 1, 1954.)

REI Pernas. (Lawyer; 47 years old; political affiliation; Partido Democrata; elected Senator from Las Villas Province on November 1, 1954.)

Minister of the Treasury: Dr. Justo CARCIA Rayneri. (Lawyer; 45 years old; political affiliation: unknown, not active politically; interim Mayor of Havana from August 14, 1954 to January 3, 1955.)

Minister of Public Works: Nicolas R. ARROYO Marquez. (Architect; 37 years old; political affiliation: unknown, apparently not active politically.)

Minister of Agriculture: Fidel BARRETO Martinez.

(Sugar mili administrator and cattle breeder; 60 years old; political affiliation: unknown, apparently not active politically.)

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> Minister of Commerce: Dr. Raul G. MENOCAL Seva. (Lawyer and insurance company executive; 52 years old; political affiliation: formerly head of the Partido Democrata but has abstained from active politics for some time although he made several "mediation" efforts since March 10, 1952 and defended the November 1954 elections as a step toward normality.)

Minister of Labor: Dr. Jose SUAREZ Rivas. 1908 (Lawyer; 47 years old; political affiliation: formerly Partido Liberal but not politically active in recent years; formerly Minister of Labor under Batista and Under Secretary of Labor from June 14, 1954 to February 23, 1955.)

Minister of Education: Dr. Aurelio Fernandez CONCHESO. 1896 (Lawyer; 59 years old; political affiliation: none known; Ambassador to the United States since April 1952.)

Minister of Health and Public Welfare: Dr. Armando J. CORO 19 1 de la Cruz (Physician; 54 years ald; Political affiliation: unknown, apparently not active politically.)

Minister of Communications: Ramon VASCONCELO Maragliano. (Newspaperman; 65 years old; political affiliation: Partido Liberal; unsuccessful in November 1, 1954 elections in which he was candidate for the Senate from Havana Province; director of the pro-Batista daily Alerta.)

Minister of Defense: Dr. Santiage VERDEJA Neyra. 1885 (Physician and surgeon; 70 years old; political affiliation: registered Partido Democrata in January 1953 and took it into government coalition which supported Batista in November 1, 1954 elections; unsuccessful in those same elections in which he was a candidate for the Senate from Matanzas Province.)

Minister in Charge of Transport: Mario COBAS Reyes. / 907 (Politician; 46 years old for tical affiliation: Partido Union Radical; elected to House of Representatives from Las Villas Province on November 1, 1954.) -

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Ministers Without Portfolio.

Amaded LOPEZ Castro, President of the National Development Commission. (Engineer and agriculturalist; 56 /899 years old; political affiliation: national head of Partido Union Radical; elected to House of Representatives from Havana Province on November 1, 1954.)

Dr. Gustavo GUTTERREZ Sanchez, President of the National Economic Council. (Lawyer and economist; 59 years old; political affiliation: unknown, not politically active in recent years; Minister of the Treasury from July 31, 1953 to February 23, 1955.)

Dr. Jose PARDO Jimenez, President of National 1906 Housing Council. (Physician; 53 years old; political affiliation: Partido Accion Progresista; elected Senator from Camaguey Province on November 1, 1954.)

Dr. Jorge BARROSO Pinar. (Lawyer; 50 years old; political affiliation: unknown, apparently not active politically; member of Sugar Stabilization Institute.)

Julia Elisa/CONSUEGRA/Rodriguez.

(Teacher; 50 years old; political affiliation: Partido Accion Progresista; unsuccessful in November 1, 1954 elections in which she was a candidate for the Senate from Las Villas Province.)

Jose PERFZ Gonzalez.

(Labor leader; 39 years old; political affiliation:
Partido Accion Progresista; elected to House of
Representatives from Havana Province on November, 1954.)

Ministers of the Presidency and Secretary of the Council of Ministers

Dr. Andres DOMINGO Morales del Castillo./67 (Lawyer; 62 years old: political affiliation: Partido Accion Progresista; returning to position held since March 10, 1952, after having served as interim President from August 14, 1954 to February 23, 1955.)

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Five members of the new Cabinet are concurrently Senators elect on November 1, 1954, and three are members of the House of Representatives. Of the 21 Ministers, 11 are lawyers by profession, although not all have been actively practicing their profession. In addition, there are three doctors, an architect, a sugar mill administrator, a newspaperman, a teacher, an engineer, a labor leader and a politician.

Twelve members of the cabinet are affiliated with one or another of the four political parties that formed the government coalition supporting Batista in the recent elections. Of these, six are affiliated with the PL, the PD and the PUR, a proportion representative of the dominant position of the PAP in the coalition. The remaining nine Ministers have been politically inactive or have unknown political affiliations.

For the completion of the Bureau files, there is attached a clipping from the February 24, 1955 issue of the Havana daily newspaper Diario de la Marina, which clipping contains photographs of President BATISTA and Vice President RAFAEL GUAS INCLAN, as well as photographs of the members of the new cabinet.

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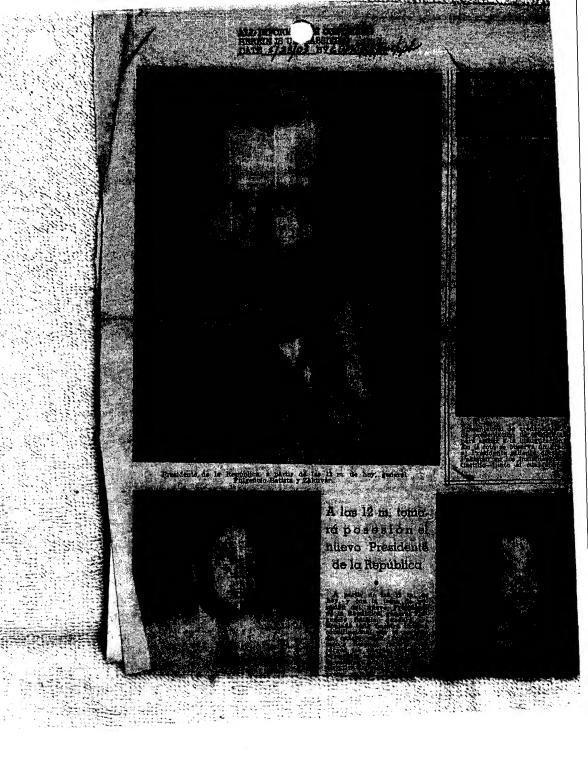
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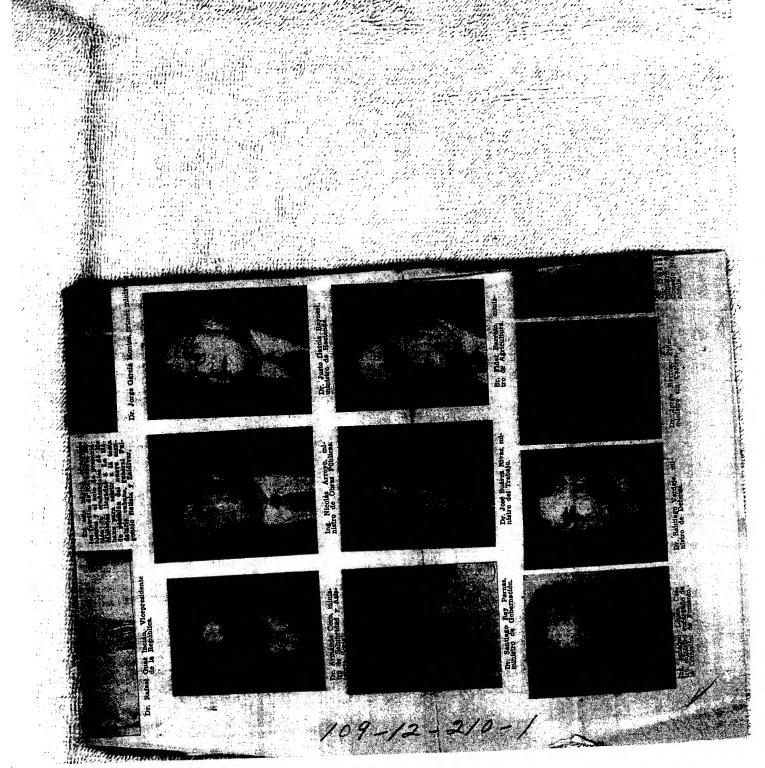
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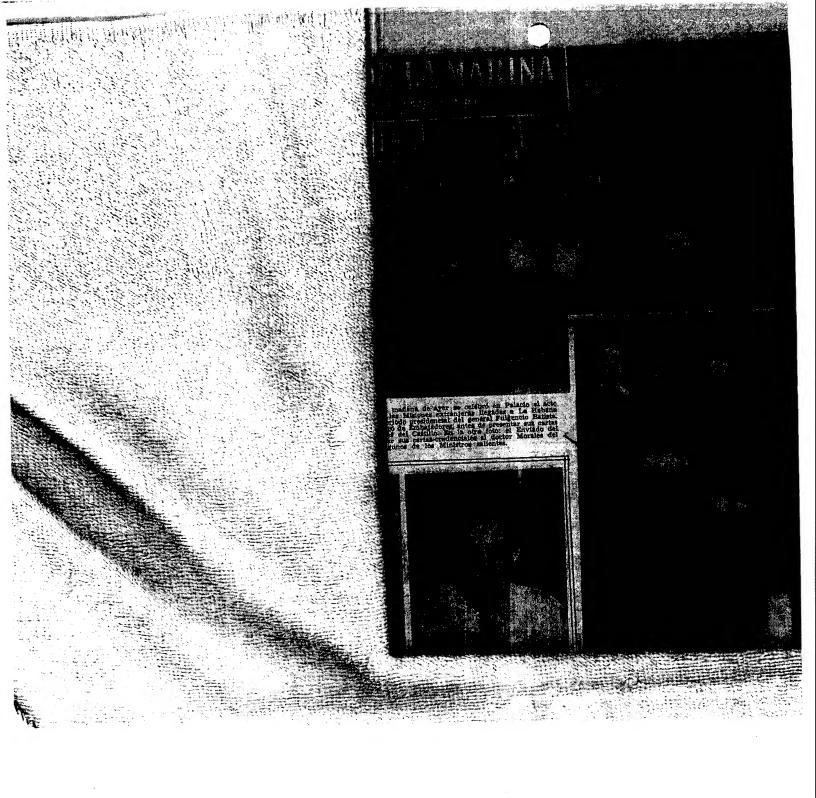
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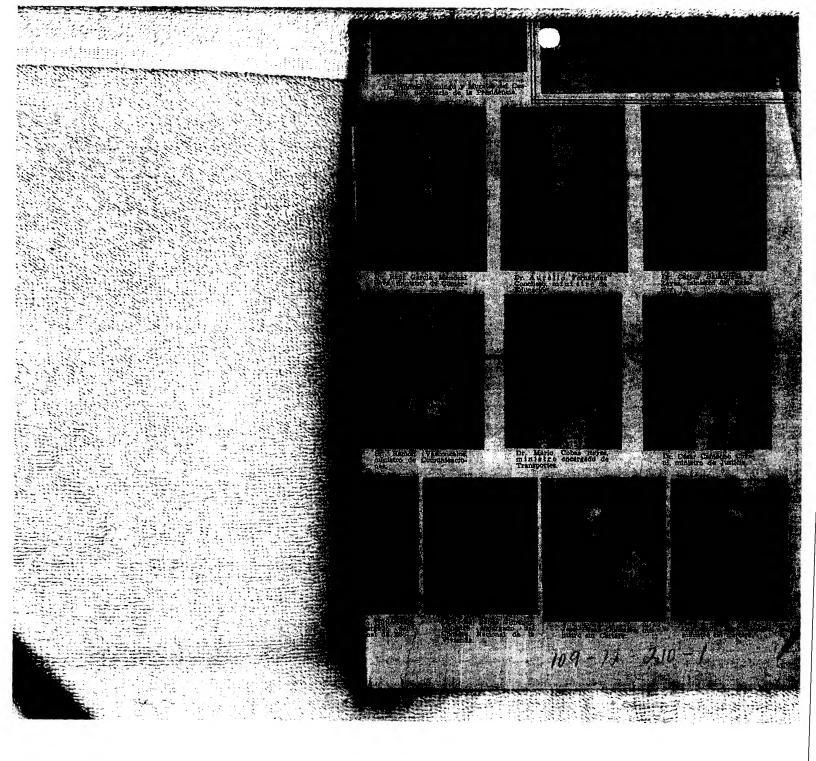
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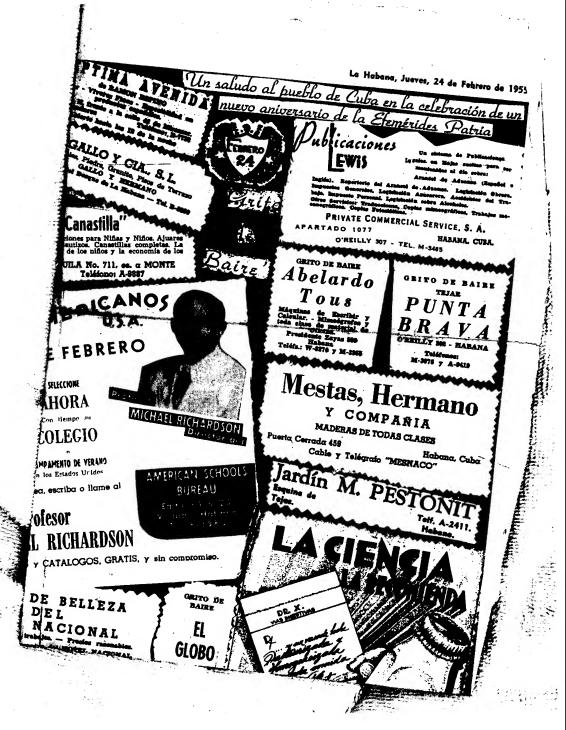
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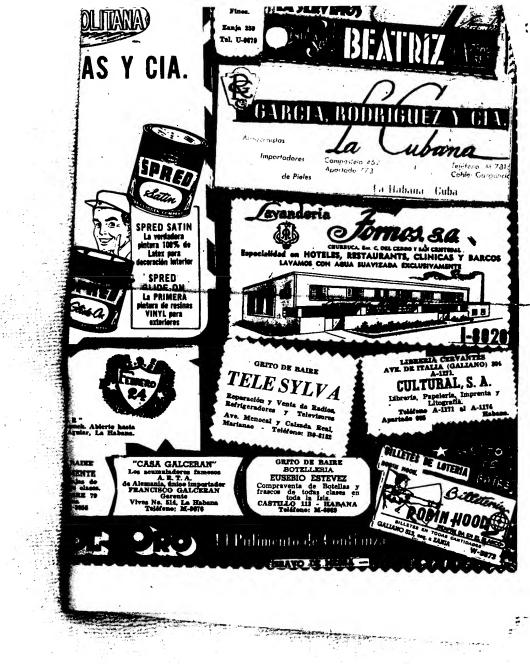
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Authority for discontinuing use of above files was contained in my memorandum to you dated 3/9/55 (64-1000-762).

Over 1,500 Latin-American setup files will no longer be used and a copy of this memorandum will be prepared for each file used under the old S. I. S. system. The material that would have gone into any file in which a copy of this memorandum will be placed will now be placed in one of the following files all of which are on the standard sub-list with a file being available for each country on each subject matter as mail on that subject matter is received. The following are the files that will be used in lieu of the old S. I. S. files.

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In order that each file opened on this standard sub-list will reflect where previous information on the particular foreign country is located, a copy of this memorandum will be placed in each new file opened.

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To:

Legal Attache Havana, Cuba

From:

Director, FBI

Subject:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OPERATIONS IN CUBA

Reference is made to your letter of April 11, 1955, captioned "Mr. Allen Dulles."

Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), has advised that he stopped in Havana, Cuba, at which time he conferred with President Batista and the Cuban Foreign Winister.

Dulles stated that most of his conference with Batista and the Foreign Minister dealt with the subject of Communism and Soviet espionage activity. Dulles has advised the Bureau that information in the possession of CIA has reflected that the Cuban Government is not employing its potential facilities in combating Communism and in covering Soviet and satellite espionage activity. Dulles stated that most of the security investigators in Cuba are concentrating their attention toward protecting Batista rather than devoting their time in such matters as the investigation of Communism. Dulles advised that he informed President Batista if any guidance was néeded CIA was in a position to be of assistance. Dulles has indicated to the Bureau that if the Batista Government manifests concrete evidence of combating Communism in a positive manner, the CIA would take steps to give assistance, LEGAT

28 APR 20 The above is being furnished to you for your inforcomm-set You should not discuss Dulles' remarks with the CIA's mation. Boardman representative in Edvand. It is requested that you be on the Nichols alert for any information which night come to your attention Glavin concerning any intelligence or security projects promoted by the Cuban Hopperquent with the assistance and support of CIA 是州沙 Winterrowd. Cover memo Roach XXX Tele, Room 4-15-55 Elitige Unit' (detached)

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Director, FBI

DATE: June 16, 1955 Havana, Cuba

FROM

PALegal Attache - Havana, Cuba

CONFINENTIAL - AIR POUCH

SUBJECT:

JORGE AGOSTINI FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

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JORGE AGOSTINI was formerly a Comandante (Major) in the Cuban Navy. During the administrations of Presidents RAMON GRAU and CARLOS PRIO, he served as Chief of the Palace Secret Police and was well-known to this office and a good contact. AGOSTINI was a career Naval Officer and prior to his entry into the Cuban Navy, he had fought in the Spanish Civil War on the Loyalist side.

Following the 3/10/52 coup d'etat by the forces of General FULGENCIO BATISTA, AGOSTINI was retired from the Cuban Navy. He continued to reside in Cuba and was in infrequent contact with the Havana Office although on the occasion of those contacts he usually furnished some information concerning revolutionary activity against the BATISTA Government.

At a later date, AGOSTINI left Cuba and for a time resided in Mismi. He was apparently in close contact with PRIO, and according to sources in the Cuban Army and Military Intelligence Service (SIM), AGOSTINI was believed to have returned to Cuba about November, 1954, in a clandestine manner for the purpose of leading and directing the activities of the opposition underground against the BATISTA Government.

The fact that AGOSTINI was in charge of underground activity was recently confirmed active underground revolutionary leader who came into the open following a general political samesty law massed by the Cuban Government in early May, 1955.

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latter was in so Embassy in Havana for the second time in May, 1954, and thereafter AGOSTINI was sent to replace him.

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Re: Jorge Agostini

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the subject, called at this office when in the Embassy for
the purpose of applying for a visa to visit the United
States. At that time she claimed she did not know the
current whereabouts

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On the night of 6/9/55/AGOSTINI was shot and killed, allegedly while resisting arrest. According to official announcements appearing in the local press, information was received that AGOSTINI was hiding in a house in the Vedado Section of Havana and, thereafter, combined forces of the Department of Investigation of the National Police and the Cuban Naval Intelligence Service surrounded the block in which the house was located and thereafter moved in. AGOSTINI allegedly opened fire on the police and Navy officials and was thereafter killed.

called at the Havana Office and On 6/13/55 that she had been in Miami advised SA was killed. She did not disclose at the time her sources but stated she had been informed that upon noting that agents of the Department of Investigation and the Cuban Navy were surrounding the block in which the house where he was staying was located, went out through the back, climbed over the wall, walked through a garden of the Anglo-American Hospital which is located immediately behind the house where he was staying, and thereafter gained the sidewalk on the opposite side of the block. While walking down the block, he was placed under arrest by agents of the Department of Investigation. He was then seated in a pelice of the Cuban car to await the arrival Navy Intelligence Service.

when arrived, he ordered AGOSTINI brought out of the car and while two agents held AGOSTINI's arms, smashed him in the face with the butt of his Thompson submachine gun. Thereafter, and others shot and killed AGOSTINI, while he was lying an the ground in an unconscious condition.

It is felt that doubtless the story was somewhat embellished. However, there seems to be little

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doubt that Agostini submitted to arrest peacefully and was thereafter shot down in cold blood. What little information it has been possible to obtain from reliable police contacts indicates this to be the case.

The above has been furnished to the Bureau in detail because the killing of Agestini has resulted in a wave of repulse on the part of thinking Guban people. It is felt that it demonstrates considerable stupidity on the part of officials of the Guban Government in permitting such an indident to occur. The BATISTA government has apparently been striving to increase its popularity and to establish an atmosphere of peace and civic feeling within the public of Guba, this latter being demonstrated by the political samesty law recently passed by the government. Although there is certainly no indication that the killing of AGOSTINI in itself might set off a revolution, it is certainly one factor that would tend to lead toward a revolution. It will also probably result in a wave of vengeance killings should the BATISTA government ever fall from power. A similar series of killings developed after the fall of Dictator MACHADO in 1933.

on 6/lh/55

Havana, advised that he had submitted an article to TIME setting forth the official version of the AGOSTINI killing as well as the version she having been interviewed by him.

TIME would publish his article.

The story as furnished was made available locally to the Embassy Political Officer.

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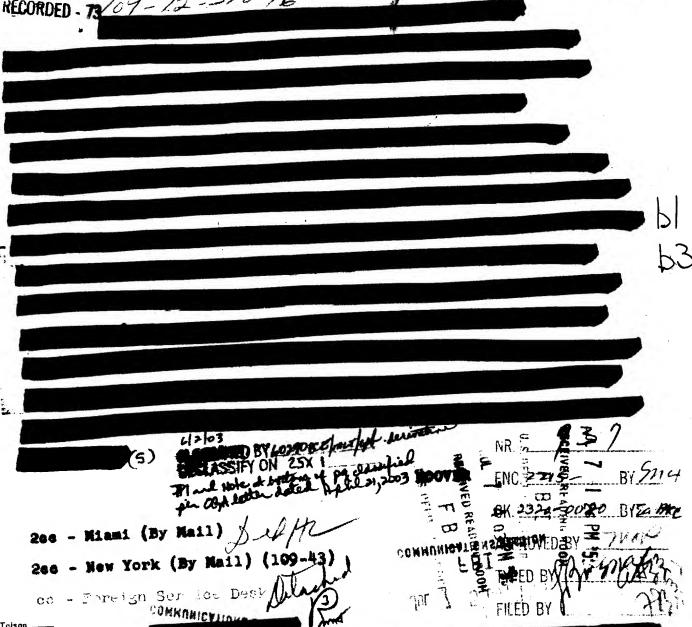
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Director, FBI (64-1201)

DATE: July 28, 1955

egal Attache - Havana, Cuba (109-12)

CONFIDENTIAL - AIR POUCH

SUBJECT:

CUBAN POLITICS
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS

There is attached a memorandum reporting the results of a conversation with former Cuban President RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN.

in the memorandum is The interview with Dr. GRAU was set up

and a good contact of the Havana Office. Only Dr. GRAU were present at the interview. and 4

Copies of the attached memorandum were made available locally to the Counsellor of the Embassy and the CIA.

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April 21, 2003

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Re: RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN

The following information was received from Source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 26, 1955.

Source stated that on that date he had a conversation with former President RAMON CRACKSAN MARTIN, GRAU stated that the Provincial Assemblies of the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) are presently being reorganized and it is planned that after the reorganization a campaign will be inaugurated to demand general elections in 1956.

GRAU pointed out to Source that the Constitution of 1940, which the BATISTA Government claims is in effect. provides for elections every four years starting with 1940, the year the Constitution was put into effect. On this basis, GRAU claims that general elections should be held in 1956.

GRAU also pointed out to Source that the Constitution of 1940 prohibits a President from serving more than four consecutive years at any one time. He said that since BATISTA has been in office since March 10, 1952, his four years will terminate in 1956 and GRAU stated this was another reason why general elections should be held.

GRAU was queried by Source as to his opinion on the return to Cuba of ex-President CARLOS PRIO SO CARRAS, which return has been announced for August 6, 1955. GRAU commented that he assumes PRIO is returning to Cuba to seek a peaceful solution to the Cuban problem and that, as such, he thinks PRIO is to be commended. GRAU declined to comment on what effect, if any, PRIO's return will have on GRAU's plans.

GRAU terminated by saying that he feels the only solution to the poor economic conditions which he claims exist in Cuba today is for the BATISTA Government to announce general elections for 1956. He said he feels such announcement would result in a large amount of idle capital being put to work.

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August 2, 1955 MR. A. H. BELMON R. R. ROACH BRIGADIER GENERAL MARTIN DIAZ/TAMAYO ENRIQUE FERNANDEZ PARAJON REQUEST FOR BUREAU TOUR BY CIA There are enclosed herewith a letter from the Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba, dated July 25, 1955, captioned "Bureau Para La Represion De Las Actividades Del Comunismo (BRAC Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities) Foreign Miscellaneous, Versiting forth background information concerning the captioned Cubans and S) reflecting that they are coming to the United States for a visit 1(5) BRAC was established in Cuba by the Cuban Government tescombat Communist in that country. The Legal Attache, Havana, advises that he has had no official contacts with Diaz Tamayo. The Legal Attache has had official relations with Enrique Fernandez Parajon, Chief of the Cuban Secret Police, and this relationship continues at the present. Dizz Tamayo is the Vice-President-Director of BRAC and Parajon is the Chief of the Investigations Section, in addition to being head of the Cuban Secret Police. Legel Attache, Havana, suggests that if Bureau commitments permit, a tour of the Bureau's facilities be afforded the captioned individuals during their visit to Washington. It is expected that the office of the Legal Attache will have future occasion to deal not only with Parajon but with the newly created organization. On May 13, 1955, the Legal Attache, Havana, advised that Diaz Tamayo was to visit the United States as a guest of the U.S. Army from May 17 to 21, 1955. Legal Attache suggested usual courtesies in the event he contacted the Bureau. The Director noted on this communication, "I would want to first know something about his background. H." No request for a tour was received at that time from Blaz Tamayo. Bureau files disclose that Diaz Tamayo is a career Army officer, has been a trivilled in various of the state of the stat involved in various Cuban revolutions, and is presently considered to be second in command of the Cuban Army. Bureau files disclose no information indicating that he should not be afforded a bour of Bureau facilities. WFE:dje少之(9) 1 - Mr. Melmont 1 - Mr. Holloman 10 LW NOT RECORDED 1 - Mr. Branigan I - M.A. Uppes - Foreign Lietal INITIALS ON ORIGINAL

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Enrique Fernandez Parajon served in the Cuban Secret Police from 1935 to 1941 and in the Cuban National Police from 1941 to 1944. During the administration of Ramon Graw San Martin Parajon operated a private detective agency until 1952, when President Batistic took office. He thereafter was named as Chief of the Cuban Secret Police. Bureau files disclose he has been very cooperative with the Legal Attache, Havana, and discloses no information indicating that he should not be afforded a Bureau tour.

Dinz Tamayo has some knowledge of English and Parajon has a fair knowledge of the English language.

ACTION:

If you approve, a tour of the Bureau will be afforded to the captioned individuals at 10:00 a.m. on August 5, 1955.

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Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (64-389)

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Rebulet 6-20-55 and Havana letter 7-22-55.

As was pointed out in reference Havana letter, the BRAC for all intents and purposes exists only on paper at the present time, with the possible exception of its utilisation of the services of the Anti-Democratic Activities Squad of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM) which is in charge of Cuban Army

According to Embassy sources, the State Department senetime ago instructed the Embassy

In view of this fact and in view of the instructions contained in reference letter, this office has limited its contacts with General TAMAYO to those arising out of social occasions although continuing contact has been had with the social occasions although all of whom have always been quite friendly and cooperative with this office.

on 7-22-55

Advised that arrangements have been bloomed for General TAMAYO and EMRIQUE FERNANDEZ PARAJON, Chief of the Cuban Secret Police, to spend two weeks in Washington for the purpose of b3 getting some ideas on how to set up and operate the BRAC. It is to be noted that the original decree setting up the BRAC makes the Chief of the Cuban Secret Police an ex efficio member of the headquarters of the BRAC.

The purpose of this letter is to suggest that if Bareau commitments will permit it that General DIAZ TAMAYO and Chief FREMANIAE PARAJON be afforded a tour of the Bureau's facilities during the time they are in Washington indicated that they would arrive in Washington about July 30, 1955, and that he felt their schedule in Washington would be such that there would be ample time for them to make a tour of the Bureau.

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Director, PHI

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It is felt that a tour of the Bureau's facilities would make a great impression on General TAMAYO and Chief FERNANDEZ PARASON and would serve as a strong basis on which to begin relations between this office and the new organization when and if it appears that it is satisfactorily established and in good operating order. Both General TAMAYO and Chief FERNANDEZ PARAJON have on different occasions expressed their great admiration for the Bureau and the Director and it is believed that they would be genuinely appreciative of the epportunity to see the Bureau's Washington headquarters.

Substituted information on General DIAZ TAMATO has been previously furnished the Eureau. ENRIQUE FERNANDEZ PARAJON was born on May 16, 1902 at Havana. The files of this office reflect that he served in the Cuban Secret Police from 1935 until 1941 and in the Cuban Mational Police from 1941 to 1944. He lest his jeb in the police when RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN replaced General BATISTA as President of Cuba. He engaged in private business activities, including the operation of a private investigative agency from 1944 until March 10, 1952 when forces of President BATISTA staged a coup d'etat and ousted then Prevident CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. Shortly thereafter he was named as Chief of the Cuban Secret Police and has continued in this pecition up until this time.

effice during the time he has been Chief of the Secret Police. It will be recalled that agents of his department in 1953 arrested and returned to Miami one was subsequently tried and convicted in Federal court in Miami on an ITSP charge and Chief PERNAMMEZ PARAJON made available the services of his agents both before the Grand Jury and at the time of the trial.

FERRANDEZ FREAJON has always given the impression of being both a cayable investigator and administrator and nothing has ease to the attention of this office to indicate that he is engaged in the graft which is rather widespread in the carrent government. He is married, has several children and speaks English fairly well.

The above is for the Bureau's information and consideration. It is requested that this office be advised if a tour is afforded to General TAMATO and FERMANDEZ PARAJON during the time they are in Mashington.

VIA CONFIDENTIAL AIR POUCH

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Legal Attacks (64-389) Havana, Cuba

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation FROM

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARTIN DIAZ TANAFO SUBJECT: RNRIQUE PERMANDEZ PARAJON

TOUR OF THE BUREAU, AUGUST 5, 1985

Rearlet July 25, 1955.

Captioned individuals were afforded a special tour of the Bureau on August 5. 1955.

ected as interpreter for the General, who (6) appeared to have little knowledge of English.

These gentlemen expressed appreciation for the tour, and they indicated that they had enjoyed their visit to the Bureau

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June 10,2003. cc - Mr. Holloman cc - Foreign Liaison Desk/(2)

This was a special tour taken by SA NOTE: Crime Records, beginning at 10:00 a.m., on August 5, 1955. At its conclusion, General Diaz and Mr. Fernandez asked that their appreciation and regards be conveyed to the Director. 5% There was, however, no request to meet the Director. The tour included the exhibit rooms, the Laboratory and the did not accompany the group, although he was scheduled to do so the C. See. R.R.Roach to Wr. Belmont dated 8/2/55, apptioned General Martin Diaz Tamayo, Enrique Fernandez Parajonie

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Legal Attache Havana, Cuba

From:

Director, FBI

Subject:

TOUR OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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On September 23, 1955, captioned individual, who is a judge of the Cuban Electoral Court, was afforded a tour of the Identification Division.

is presently in the United States studying census methods and requested a tour of the Bureau's Identification Division in an effort to determine if any of the methods used there were adaptable to Cuban needs. He was most enthusiastic about the work of this Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • united states government MR. A. H. BELMONT DATE: September 22. Nichols 1955 Belmont FROM MR. R. R. ROAC Parso Rosen SUBJECT: TOUR OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION on september 20, Identification Division, advised that he had received a call from RIC Census Bureau requesting that a tour of the Identification Division be stated that afforded the captioned individual. was a judge of the Cuba Electoral Court and was studying identification systems in the United States for the purpose of determining if such systems might be adapted to Cuban use. Bureau files reflect that by letter dated February 21, 1951, and another individual 57(the Legal Attache, Havana, advised that would visit the United States and planned to call on the FBI on or about February 23, 1951, for the purpose of discussing "cameras" and/or "preparation of identification cards. visited the Bureau on February 26, 1951, and was afforded a brief tour of the Laboratory and Identification Division. He indicated at that time that he wished to return and make a more complete tour and was most enthusiastic regarding the work of the Bureau. He again visited the Bureau 3/9/54 but doe to close schedule could not visit the Idem. Division. stated that a tour could be afforded captioned individual at any time that was convenient but that it was his underdid not speak English. He requested the assistance of this office in connection with the tour. ACTION: was telephonically contacted on Code Extension on 9/21/55 and arrangements made for to meet SA office at the Identification Building at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 23, 1955, for a tour of the Bureau identification facilities. was advised of these arrangements in the capacity of interpreter. FE: 1mm (4) know - Mr. Belmont - Section Tickler

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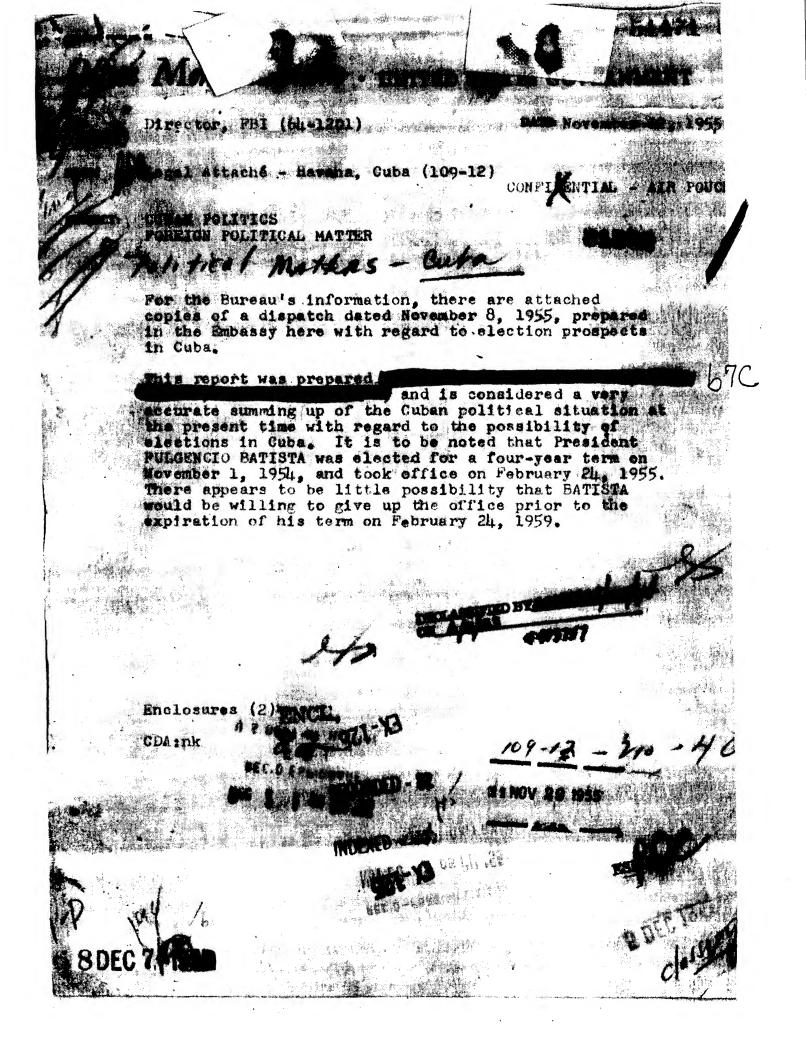
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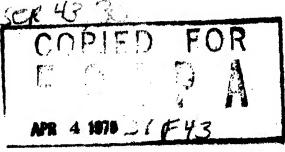
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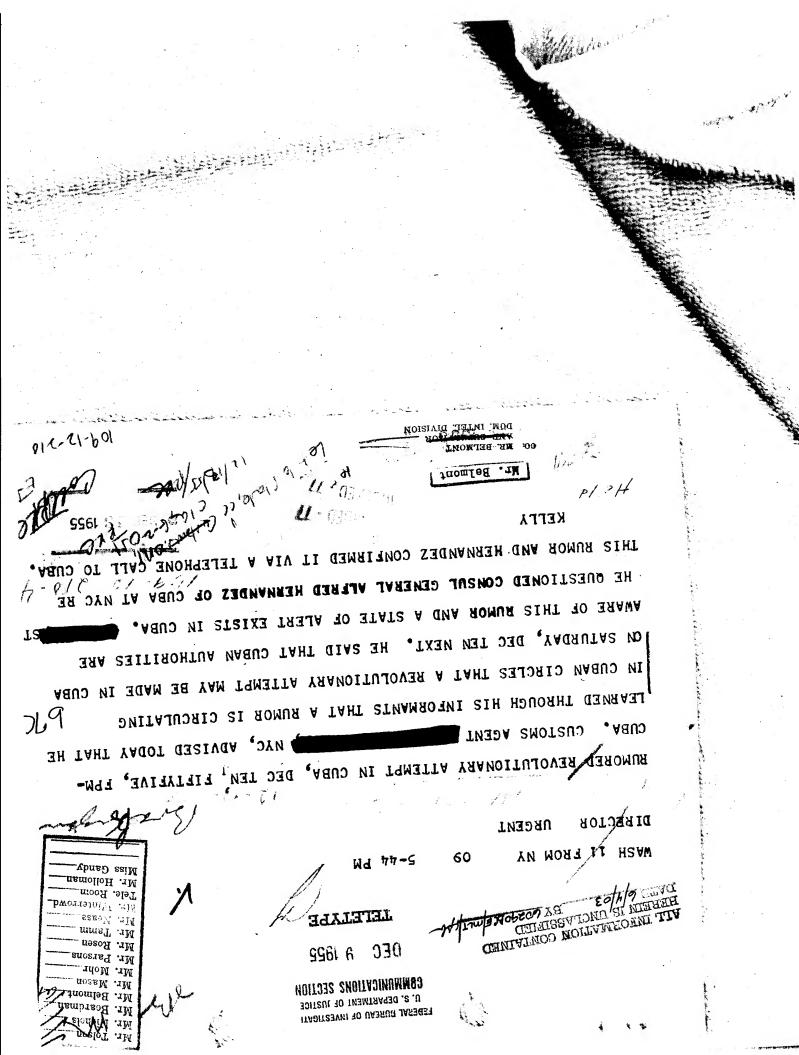
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The foregoing information was telephonically furnished your office and the other government agencies receiving a copy of this letter on December 9, 1966.

BY COURIER SARVICE . Contral Intelligence Agency 2430 g street, N. X. Pashington, D. C.

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Tenth of October Havans, Cuba

to your friends.

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I thought you night like to know that delivered your letter of introduction to my effice when he visited this Bureau on Broender 29, 1955. I was very sorry to have nissed the pleasure of meeting him but I was not in my office at the time of his visit.

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Sincerely yeurs,

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October 10, No. 512 Havana

Havana, December 24, 1955

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF GENERAL E. NUNEZ

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Distinguished friend:

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I introduce to you a member of this Institution and a Specialist in Documents and Fingerprints, who will soon visit your great and hospitable country in the course of a pleasure trip.

My colleague is very much interested in visiting the Agency under your worthy direction. I therefore request that you give him your consideration.

I take this opportunity to offer you evidence of my sincere friendship and profound affection.

Very respectfully yours,

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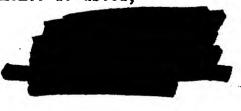
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Tengo suma complacencia en presentarle al miembro de esta Institución y Técnico en Documentos y Dactiloscopista el cual visitará en breve su grande y hospitalaria Nación en viaje de placer.

El compañero tiene gran interés en visitar el Departamento bajo su digna dirección, por lo que le ruego la atención que le preste al mismo.

Aprovecho la ocasión para ofrecerle una vez mas el testimonio de mi sincera amistad y profunda sim patía, quedo muy respetuosamente de usted,





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CARCASE. REPEATED RUMORS RECEIVED OF POSSIBLE REVOLUTIONARY ACTION HERE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 10 NEXT. ALSO REPORTS OF SOME UNREST IN CUBAN ARMY. SIMILAR REPORTS RECEIVED BY CIA HERE. REMYLET FORWARDED BY POUCH TODAY FOR FULL DETAILS.

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Assistant Attorney General (Orig. and 1) William F. Tompkins

January 12, 1956

Director, FBI

ALLEGED PLANS FOR IMMINENT REVOLUTIONARY
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a general strike was being prepared for January 9, 53

[1956, in the Las Villas, Camaguey, and Oriente Provinces of Cuba and a revolutionary attempt was planned on or about January 10, 1956. Reportedly, Jose Echevarria, President of the University Students Federation, and Cuban Revolutionary leader, recently met to plan this attempt./XYM)

prior to January 10, 1956, for the purpose of creating unrest.

that Cuban Government authorities felt that labor disturbances were possible in the near future as a result of the internal conflict in the Sugar Workers Federation stemming from a recent strike of this union. Cuban authorities anticipated a student demonstration on January 10, 1958, but were confident they could cope with it. (2) u

There is transmitted herewith for your further information in this regard one copy of a memorandum dated January 6, 1956, entitled "Revolutionary Activities Against the Batista Government."

The data contained herein and in the enclosed memorandum is in possession of the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Again, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Havy and the Department of the Air Force.

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February 13, 1956 Merena, Cuba

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WILL ARRIVE DAYTONA BEACH TOMORROW

REMAINING THROUGHOUT BATISTA-S VISIT

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MM CHAPTER COMPRISED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY MEMBERS, MOST OF WHOM REPORTEDLY CUBANS AND RESIDING MM. IN FALL, FIFTY FIVE, FIDEL CASTRO STAGED MEETINGS NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, MIAMI, TAMPA AND KEY WEST REPORTEDLY ADVOCATING OVERTHROW OF BATISTA IF BATISTA REFUSED TO STEP DOWN. MIAMI INFORMANTS ALERTED.

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March 26, 1956

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From

april 21, 2003 John Edgar Hoover, Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subjects

PRESIDENT FULGENCIO BATISTA OF CUBA MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

(ESPIONAGE)

With reference to the visit of President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba to Daytona Beach, Florida, from March 23 to March 26. 1956, the following information has been received from a source who has furnished reliable information in the past:

According to the source, several members of a group known as the "Patrictic Club of July 26" of Miami, Florida, planned to profeed to Daytona Beach to demonstrate against Batista's appearance there on March 23 and 24, 1956. The source advised that he has received no information indicating that any violence is planned by this group. The "Patriotic Club of July 26" was organised by Pidel Alejandr Castro Ruz, Cuban revolutionary leader who has publicly advocated the overthrow of the Batista government, during his visit to the United States from October to Degember; 1955. Officers of the Mismi chapter of this organisation have been

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The Miami chapter tensists of approximately fifty members, most of whom are reported to be Cuban nationals residing at Miami.

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Letter to Office of Security

The March 20, 1956 issue of the "Miami Herald," published at Miami, carried an article entitled "Cuban Club Here Protests Batista's Seming To Florida." According to this article, a demonstration was staged by members of the "Patriotic Club of July 26" in front of the Pan American Bank Building in Miami, where the Guban Consulate and an office of the United States Department of State are located.

The foregoing information was telephonically furnished to the Department of State on the afternoon of March 21, 1956.

cc - 1 - Director EY COURIER SERVICE
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE: President Batista is visiting Daytona Beach from March 23 to 26, 1956. State Department previously advised of this visit and requested any info Bureau might have reanti-Batista elements in vicinity of Daytona Beach since State will be responsible for Batista's safety. By Butel 3-21-56 Miami was instructed to furnish foregoing info local State Department representatives for their information and any notification they may deem necessary to local police authorities.



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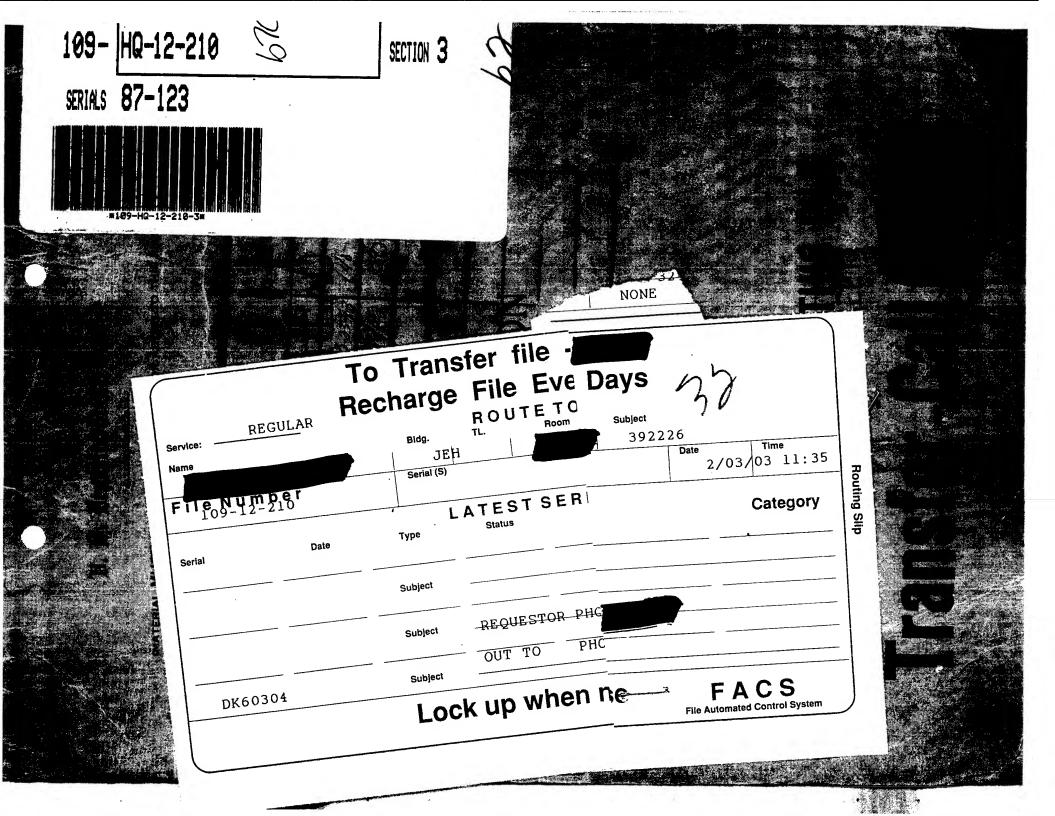
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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL POMEIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CHA NEUTRALITY MATTER: REGISTRATION ACT

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Re my cable 4/3/56, advising of arrest of group of Cuben Army efficers who were accused of comspiring to everthrew the BATISTA Government. The purpose of this letter is to furnish the Bureau a summary of additional developments to date and background for use in the event the situation develops to the point that it is necessary to further communicate with the Bureau by cable.

As set forth in reference cable, the group of efficers arrested on April 2, 1956, was the time of his arrest, the following officers were arrested and tried:



The above 13 men were tried by summary court martial on April 9, 1956.

All were convicted and the first six men mentioned above were sentenced to terms of six years each on charges of comspiring to everthrow the Government. The remaining six men received sentences of four years and two menths.

In addition to the above, a number of other officers and soldiers were arrested but released for lack of evidence. On April 16, 1956, and a long-time friend and contact of this office, advised that

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Letter to the Director

On Thursday, April 19, 1956, there began a series of insidency in the term of Santiage de Cuba involving student demonstrations and terroristic acts. In the first student demonstration soldiers fired against the eroud injuring two students. On the night of April 19, 1956, there were four isolated cases in Santiage in which either soldiers or policemen were fired on from passing automobiles. One police corporal and one serporal of the Army were killed.

There were seme student disturbances at the University of Havana on April 20, 1956, and on April 21, 1956, a group of the Cuban Matienal Police, headed by the Chief of Police, Brig. General RAFAEL SALES GANIZARES, invaded the University grounds and searched all the buildings there. This has caused considerable tension due to the fact that under the Cuban Constitution the University of Havana is autonomous and police are not permitted within the grounds.

On April 23, 1956, the Army Attache here reperted information received from a former Cuban Army efficer, described as usually completely reliable, to the effect that the assessmation of Precident BATISTA had been scheduled for April 20, 1956, but not carried out due to lack of eppertunity. This source said that the death of BATISTA will be a signal for a general revolt led by men who were former efficers of the Army during the PRIO regime.

BATTSTA is scheduled to serve as President of Cuba until February 24, 1959. It appears to be the summanus of opinion that he may not serve out this term and that one of the three possibilities can occur within the relatively near future.

- 1. BATISTA will be assessinated and this will lead to a general state of anarchy and chars in Cuba.
- 2. BATISTA might step down as President in which case there would probably be a general state of confusion and compiderable effort on the part of many to take over as President.
- 3. The most legical solution and the one which upuld probably benefit the most for Guban would be for Manifeld to announce general discisses in the near future, insure that such elections were completely hencet, and deliver the Government to the person elected by this means.

Letter to the Director

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Megal Attache, Mavana, Cuba (109-32) FROM :

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nemylet 4-23-56 and my cables 4-29-56 and 5-9-56.

As a follow-up to the conviction of the 13 Army officers reported in reference letter, there have been numerous transfers, retirements and discharges within the Army. This has served to create a situation of general unrest in the Army and there are continuing rumors of possible revolutionary action on the part of dissident elements in the Army.

At about 12:30 p.m. 4-29-56 a group of civilians endeavored to attack the Cuban Army Regimental meadquarters at Natanzas, a town located about 60 miles to the East of Havana. According to official announcements wiven to the press by the Government, six dump trucks of the type used to haul sand and gravel drove up to the gate of the neadquarters and were permitted to enter the patio of the headquarters by the soldier on duty at the gate, thereafter, although the accounts are not completely clear, shooting broke out between the persons riding in the trucks and the soldiers stationed at the meadquarters. cificial announcements by the Government stated that the attack was repulsed and dominated with a total of three soldiers being wounded and "more than ten" of the attackers being killed. Subsequent official statements have given the total number dead among the attackers as fifteen.

There have been considerable street rumors to the effect that all the attackers were not killed in the initial assault but were captured and killed later.

The BATISTA Government wasted no time in taking rapid action following, the attack. On the night of 11-29-56 the Government announced that Constitutional guarantees were suspended for a period of 45 days. This was followed by an announcement of press and radio censorship throughout the island. 109-12-210-111

From the reports of the attack at Matanzas, there was considerable indication that the Government had advance notice of the pending attack and that the attackers were led into a trap. This fact

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was confirmed on 5-10-56 and a close personal of friend of President BATISTA and a contact of this office.

Concerning the possibility that all the attackers were not killed in the initial assault, the Latin American edition of Time Magazine, which edition is printed in Mayana with plates sent down from the United States, in its issue of May 14, 1956, which was printed in mayana on may 8, 1956, carried an article regarding the attack at matanzas. This article stated that 7 attackers were killed outright, three were wounded and finished off before they could surrender, three were killed attempting to escape from Matanzas, and two were shot after they had been captured and returned to the barracks in handcuffs. On 5-9-56 Omega Frinting Plant in Havana which prints the Latin American edition of Time, advised SA that a total of 62 thousand copies of the May lith issue had been printed in Havana on 5-8-56. He said that the Cuban Government was apparently unaware that this edition of Time is printed in mavana and, therefore, no Government censor had been assigned to the printing plant. Edwised that 58,000 copies of this edition intended for other Latin countries were shipped dvised that 58.000 out by air on the evening of 5-8-56. Thereafter, alled the minister of the Interior, who has charge of the censorship, and advised him of the fact that Time was carrying the article and that no censor. had examined it.

said that this was followed immediately by a a group of his agents. Result was that the 4,000 remaining copies of the edition which were intended for distribution in Cuba were seized and confiscated by the Government.

Attached hereto is a clipping of the Time article in question A copy of the issue of 5-14-56 was made available to this office by 570 of the law firm which firm handles 570 legal work

successful in taking several photographs showing the two handcuffed men being shot by the Cuban soldier at the fort in Matanzas. He said that he understood these photographs had been sold to Life and that the will be published in Life's edition in Spanish in the near future. It might be noted that this edition is not printed in Cuba.

As a follow-up to the attack at Hatanzas, police in Havana seized several rather large arms deposits which included rifle ammunition hand grenades and dynamite. In connection with each seizure, as was

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also the case in connection with the attack at Matanzas, the Government was quick to accuse CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS of being the principal figure involved.

As was reported to the Bureau in reference cable of 5-9-56, PRIO departed navana for Miami on that date on FAA flight 414 which left navana at 11:45 a.m. He was accompanied

at the time that PRIO's departure may have resulted from a request from the Government in that PRIO was accompanied to the airport

and five radio patrol cars of the police.

The fact that PRIO's departure was not entirely voluntary was subsequently confirmed in an official announcement made by the Government. It was stated that PRIO had been informed by the Chief of Police that he had the choice of the following: a. Mending his ways and turning in the arms still being hidden by him and his followers; b. Being faced with the prospect of going to jail since the Government had more than sufficient proof to convict him of conspiratorial activities; or c. Leaving the country. It was stated that PAIO chose the latter alternative. PRIO on the other hand, alleged to the press that he had told have to kill him, jail him or throw him out of the country and that the Government did the latter.

The only casualties in connection with the departure of PRIO in the country occurred when an automobile driven by which was a part of the group escorting PRIO to the airport, crashed into an automobile entering the airport road with the result that a passenger in the latter automobile was killed and the driver seriously injured. Suffered injuries of a very minor nature.

The above summary is furnished for the Bureau's information. A dissemination has seen made locally since all the information is num to be available to interested agencies in the Embassy. Four kera copies of this letter are attached in the event the Bureau desires of forward them to the New York and Miami Offices.

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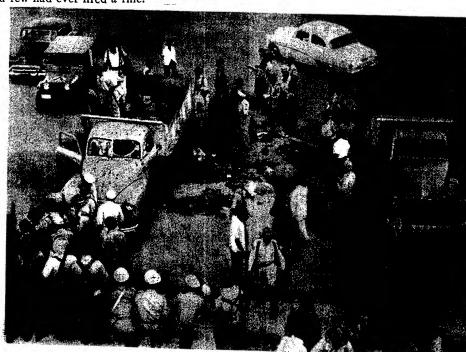
Three yellow dump trucks and a pickup truck rumbled, past the sentry at the main gate of turreted Domingo Goicuría barracks, headquarters of the Matanzas military district. Accustomed to seeing similar trucks roll by without stopping, the sentry, last week, paid little attention until the caravan stopped in front of headquarters. Then he spotted a man standing in the back of one of the trucks with a grenade in his hand, and instantly fired his rifle as a warning signal.

At the shot, a band of men jumped up in the first truck and began mounting a machine gun in fumbling haste. The guard on duty at the headquarters entrance opened fire with a submachine gun and the barracks commandant. Colonel Pilar García, blazed away with a pistol from

the porch roof above. The luckless attackers got off only a single burst before their machine gun jammed, forcing them to dive to the ground, where they were pinned down and riddled by machine-gun cross fire. Seeing the fate of the first truck, the crews of the others ran for safety. Outside the gate, two truckloads of reinforcements retreated on foot. Except for skirmishes between rebel stragglers and pursuing troops, the battle was over. The casualties: seven attackers killed outright, three wounded and finished off before they could surrender, three killed attempting to escape from Matanzas, two shot after they had been captured and returned to the barracks in handcuffs. Three soldiers were wounded.

The attack, led by 32-year-old Reynold, García, a hot-headed member of the Auténtico Party of ex-President Carlos Prío Socarrás, was doomed from the start. Apparently it had no real political back-

ing, and was intended solely to capture and blow up the barracks as a gesture of defiance to the government. Of the 50-odd recruits for the suicidal mission, only a few had ever fired a rifle.



REBEL DEAD IN MATANZAS BARRACKS COURTYARD
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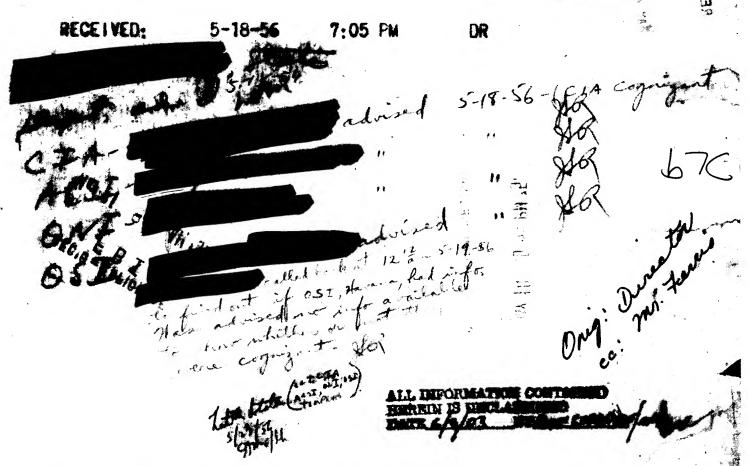
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Director, FBI

DATE: June 1, 1956

Miegal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-54)

SUBJECT:

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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ReBulet 5-7-56 to Legat, Paris, captioned "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS," (Bufile 66-6200-65). In accordance with the instructions contained therein, the following summary is submitted:

The present Government of Cuba is headed by President FULGENCIO BATISTA TZALDIVAR. BATISTA and a group of his followers took ever the Cuban Government by military coup dietat on March 10, 1952. BATISTA was elected President in elections which were held on November 1, 1954, and in which he had no opponent. He took effice on February 24, 1955, for a four-year term.

BATISTA, since taking over the Government in March, 1952, has demonstrated a rather consistent pre-United States and anti-Communist attitude. Diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union were suspended in March, 1952, and have not been renewed since that time. At a later date, the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Communist Party of Cuba), which had existed as a legal political party, was declared illegal and has been ferced to exist in a clandestine manner since that time. Through a passport centrel law, efforts have been made to prevent the travel out of Cuba of known Communists.

There have been some few isolated cases of known fermer Communists having been named to fairly important posts in the Government. One of these was the case of an individual nimed who was appointed to the position of the date, there has been no evidence of an large scale infiltration of the Government by individuals or erganizations whose objectives are either directly opposed to United States or are aimed at assistance to potential enemies the United States.

The Bureau has been systematically informed of the activities of the PSP in Cuba, it being very definitely eppered to the BATISTA Government, and also of the activities of different opposition groups who are epenly interested in everthrowing BATISTA and getting him out of office, either by peaceful means or by revolution. The principal advecate of a peaceful change has been Dr. RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN, President of Cuba, 1944-1945. The two

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principal revaluations, growns have been hadded in the past by CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. President of Caba who was deposed by BATISTA in 1952, and Principal Astron. Who led an unsuccessful attack on a Cuban Army fortress on July 26, 1953. Past performance of GRAU and PRIO when they were helding the position of President indicated that they were probably just as pro-United States as is BATISTA. FIDEL CASTRO is an unknown factor, but there is no reason to believe that he would be other than pro-United States if he were successful in taking over the Government, especially in view of the economic dependence of Cuba on the United States.

An additional letter will be submitted to the Bureau on December 1, 1956.

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Office Memor ndum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: Director, FBI

DATE: June 25, 1956

FROM Legat, Havana (109-12)

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SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICS

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Attached are five copies of a memorandum captioned, "RUBEN ALDAMA ARGUELLES," which memorandum is being furnished the Bureau to illustrate the activities of Cuban Police during the time constitutional guarantees were suspended for a 45-day period following an opposition attack on the Cuban Army fortress at Matanzas, Cuba, on April 29, 1956.

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information was furnished in deepest confidence

Copies of the attached memorandum were made available locally to the Counsellor of Embassy, CIA and the three service attaches. In the cover memorandum accompanying the attachment, all these offices were requested to use extreme care in the handling of the information due to the sensitive position of the source.

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On June 25, 1956, source confidential source abroad, advised that following his arrest, RUBEN ALDAMA ARGUELLES had been administered a severe beating and other police agents. Thereafter he was taken to the Department of Investigation, and other police Plain-Clothes Unit of the Cuban National Police and placed in one of the cells there.

Source said that the following morning it was discovered that RUHEN ALDAMA ARGUETLES had died in the cell during the might, apparently as the result of the beating administered to him. the body of ALDAMA

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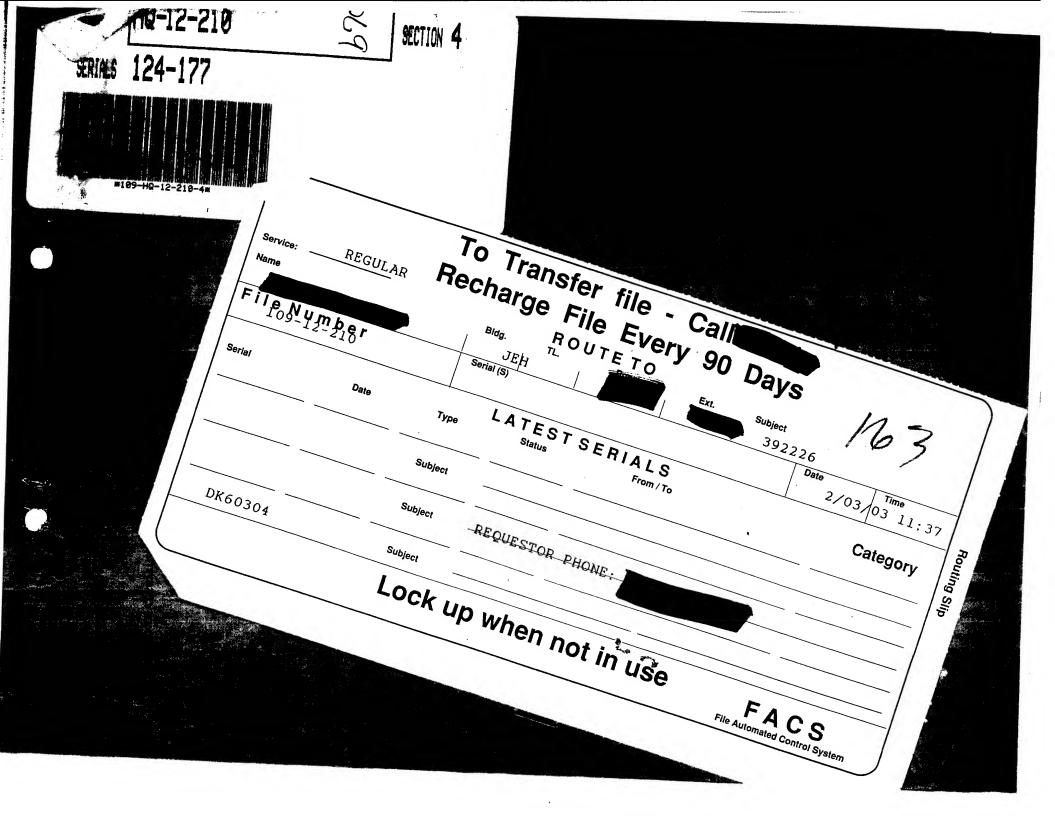
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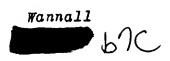
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Director, PBI (109-12-210)

August 7, 1956

Legal Attache, Harma, Cuba (109-32)

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

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Reference Bureau letter dated July 26, 1956, to the of Office Security, Department of State, copies of which were forwarded to this office and Niami along with sepies of Section and Security and Section 2018. Mexico cables dated July 20 and 24, 1956, containing descriptions of three men who had allegedly appreached a prominent Mexican rifle expert with an offer of \$50,000 if he would agree to shoot Cuban President BATISTA. This letter instructed this effice to shook source in an effort to identify these three individuals.

The following have been embacted in an effort to effect an identification of these persons:

advised that on the basis of descriptive incometion furnished they are unable to identify these persons.

It is noted that the August 7, 1956, edition of the Englishguage daily newspaper, The Havana Fost, centains an article and August oth from Maxies City stating that Federal Security Folice and arrested three Cubans in Merida, Yucatan, who had confessed they were plotting to kill resident BATISTA. This article said Inspector JUSE ALTAMIRANO and Captain FERNARDO GUTTE REZ BARRIUS itified the persons arrested as CBSAR GUNEZ HERRANDEZ. RAPAKLA ebanza olazaba acosta end jebus ollbertu garcia alonso.

This article also contained the following information:

"The Mexico City newspaper Ultimas Noticias said demos Hernandes told one of its reporters an effort to kill Hetista would be made some time late this week,

"The report did not disclose how he know. But it quoted him as saying hundred of small groups scattered throughout Contral and South America were 'dedicated to bringing freedom to Cuba. 1

"A source close to Federal police said an investigation was being made into reports that the islands of Desumel and Mueres off the Isolated coast of Quintana Roo were being used as springhoards for shipment of contraband arms and ammunition into "uba." 11.7 12

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Hames of the three persons arrested were searched through the indices of this office. The only reference contained therein was to detect it, 1955, which reported that this person had been provided with eafe conduct by the Cuban Hindstry of State and that he was to leave Mayma to go into exile in Mexico. Butter applies of this letter are submitted to the Research for farmarding to be Mexico City and Hinni Offices.

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Director, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: August 9, 1956

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FROM . C.W. SAC, Miami (2-165)

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS; FOREIGN FOLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Five copies of a blank memorandum are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and one copy to New York.

Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, made available for examination the INS report on the individuals mentioned in the attached memorandum.

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who furnished this information to the Bureau on June 26, 1953, relative to the case entitled "CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS; et al; FPM - CUBA; RA; NA - CUBA.

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The July 30, 1956, issue of the Miami Herald carried an article entitled "Four Flee Havana, Seek Asylum Here," by Denne Petitclerc, Herald Staff writer, which reflected that four exhausted Cubans, who fled Havana the previous Tuesday in an open fishing boat and nearly died of thirst in the blazing Gulf Stream, sought political asylum in Miami on Sunday, July 29, 1956.

On July 30, 1956, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, Florida, prepared a report reflecting that born

7:30 a.m., July 28, 1956, with the following passengers:

valid to possessing Passport No.

This passport contained no
United States visas of any type. stated that he is
the a Cuban newspaper. He admitted
having been arrested in Cuba in 1941, at which time he was
sentenced to one year in prison for "illicit political
association."

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resides in the possessed an expired Passport issued in Havana. It contained no United States visas of any kind. He was last in the United States as a seaman at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on September 20, 1946. He advised that the Batista Government cancelled his ship chandler's license in June, 1952, and seized his two boats.

All three passengers advised Immigration and Naturalization Service that they were political refugees and asked for admission as visitors for 29 days to enable them to proceed to Costa Rica and Central America.

stated that he is not a political refugee and is not afraid to go back to Cuba, although he expected to be beaten up for having helped the other three get away from Cuba. He reported that he has a family in Cuba and is anxious to get back to them. He said if the Coast Guard would tow him and his boat down to Key West, he would be willing to go back to Cuba from there; otherwise, he would hire someone to assist him to return to Cuba.

reported to Immigration and Naturalization Service that his three passengers told him they were wanted in Cuba and had to get away, whereupon he agreed to bring them to the rendezvous with another boat off Sombrero Light in the Florida Keys. It was stated that the other boat, according to information the party had received from the Autentico Party officials in Cuba, would bring them to Costa Rica in safety.

claimed he was not receiving any money for performing this service, but that he agreed to help the three out if they would pay for gasoline and provisions.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service report noted that examination of the ship's log showed that the last fishing trip of this boat that was approved by the Captain of the Port was in June, 1955.

Immigration and Naturalization Service officials removed the four aliens from the vessel and placed them in

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detention quarters. was described as being so badly sunburned that it had been necessary to call a doctor to treat his legs.

The aliens, according to Immigration and Naturalization Service, had about \$425.00 in United States currency among them when they arrived.

On July 31, 1956, an Immigration and Naturalization official advised that a hearing had been held that day and that all four had been refused admittance solely on the ground that they did not possess visas. All four were defended by Attorney David W. Walters, who is also the attorney for Carlos Prio Socarras, exiled former President of Cuba and former head of the Autentico Party of Cuba.

An Immigration and Naturalization official advised that claimed to be personally acquainted with Ernest Hemingway, the author, and to have taken him on a number of shark fishing trips in his boat.

Attorney Walters, according to Immigration and Naturalization, appealed the decision to refuse these four individuals admittance.

The July 30, 1956, issue of the Miami Daily News carried an article entitled "Cuban Refugees Get Hearing Tomorrow." This article reflected that Carlos Prio Socarras appeared at the Federal Building during preliminary hearings, along with attorney Walters. The article disclosed that Prio said he had been acquainted with Gonzalez and he identified Gonzalez as a newspaper editor and leader of a left-wing, anti-Communist labor party.

Prio was quoted as stating "I know that many people who oppose Batista are in danger. These men probably fled because they feared Batista would kill them." Prio also recalled that Gonzalez at one time had taken political refuge in the Costa Rican Embassy in Havana.



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In connection with the investigation entitled "Carlos Prio Socarras, Foreign Political Matters - Cuba; Registration

Act; Neutrality Act - Cuba, " a report was submitted by a

White Confidential Soliton which included a list compiled by
the Mexican Federal District Police of remains all and the second secon the Mexican Federal District Police of persons allegedly conspiring to overthrow the present government of Cuba. This report, which was dated June 26, 1953, reflected the list included the name alias

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was described as being of the illegal organization "Accion Revolucionario Guiteras" (Twinemakers' Revolutionary Organization). He became wealthy through this organization. This report disclosed that he is known as a and as one who carried out crimes by himself. stated that in the government of Prio and Grau San Martin, he had enjoyed much political influence and was able to visit the

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DATE: August 10, 1956

FROM : W. A. Branton

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Parsons Rosen Legat, Havana, has advised that on 7-31-56, U. Tamm Military Attache, Havana, furnished report concerning Cuban Nease revolutionary activities, which evaluated as B-2 (usually Winterrowd Tele. Room reliable, probably true). Military Attache, on 7-31-56, Holloman received the information from an informant whom he considers to Gandybe a reliable source of information. The informant advised the Military Attache to immediately warn Embassy and Mission personnel not to accept any invitation to view any arms cache which will be "discovered" soon. Believing that Batista (President Batista of Cuba) remains as President through the machinations of Ambassador Gardner and aid from the United States, hundreds of pletters no longer care to protect Americans and, in fact, plan demise of some, including the Military Attache. The next arms cache discovery will come as a result of an anonymous tip to the police by the revolutionists. will have arranged to invite the Military Attache, some Army Mission. officers, the Legal Attache and perhaps others with an interest to view the cache. At the proper moment, the entire cache will explode, killing the invited "quests," as well as the Chief of Police, and any others present. The Military Attache advised that the appropriate Embassy officers have been advised of this information. The Legat, Havana, advised that employees of that Office are aware of this information and that all necessary precautions are being taken.

The informant also advised the Military Attache to prevent the attendance by Embassy personnel at any public function outside of Campo Columbia at which Batista would be present. A group of five men have in Havana a U. S. 105mm recoilless rifle with ammunition ready to use from a safe distance for destroying the VIP section and speakers stand.

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- *6. The group of 200 enlisted men at Campo Columbia (reported previous) as 400 see Memorandum to The Ambassador, subj: Report of Unrest Received from Retired Cuban Army Officer, dated 17 May 56), have been talked into delaying their planned coup by an unknown person or persons.
- including who billed himself as "The new Batista." (This was the first information received from any source about the group.

 Stated it was a separate group not connected with any other. Of the 40 arrested, nine came from the Corps of Engineers Compound in Vedado and the remainder from Campo Columbia).
- *8. About half of the Cuban Air Force planes (this figure is way too high according to are now stationed in Santiago de Cuba. CASTRO will not permit them to leave the ground until his pilots fly them against the Cuban Army and Air Force.
- Batista could be forced out without firing a shot. (The dissident groups referred to are, Castro, Diaz Tomayo, and the 200 enlisted men at Campo Celumbia.)
- *10. Many efficers who had full knowledge of the plan well in advance of the arrests neither committed themselves to participation new informed authorities of the plan. The two most prominent in this category are Brig. General Eulogio CANTILLO y Porras and Lt. Colonel BLANCO Rice (then and still Chief of SIM Service Inteligencia Militar).

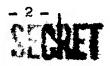
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"11. The authorization for the establishment of a Womeng Army Auxiliary terps is an attempt to form a closely knit organization whose purpose will be so obtain anti-regime plots and plans from bedroom activities of the women. The already has more soldiers than it needs, therefore the organization of the WAC' to release men for 'combat' positions is a farce. One of the strongest mackers of the 'WAC' plan was Ambassador Nunez-Portuendo, Cuba's Chief IN Delegate.

*12. could not by any stretch of his imagination understand:

wa. How Batista, knowing that Brig. General Martin DIAZ y tamayo has been conspiring for some time with the Deminicans, could put him in command of Rural Guard Regiment No. 1, Santiago de Cuba. (DIAZ Tamayo's reported pletting with the Dominicans was another bit of herete unknown information.)

b. What possible good could result from the many deaths that would occur and the chaos that would ensue as a result of CASTRO's reported sire to march through Cuba.

*13. When it is known that something is going to happen warning will as soon as possible. It may be only two hours in advance of . Mission personnel should be advised to stay in their offices if the mes during the day time. Our people will get them safely out of Campo

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is considered to be a reliable source of information,

he likes and respects Americans. He makes repeated statements to rethat he does not wish to see any Americans get hurt. He claims that with the most important revolutionary groups that is going on with them.

The information he has given to me may not by accurate but he wheleheartedly believes what he teld me."

advised that the apprepriate Embassy efficers have information contained in Item 4 above. Employees of this de aware of information contained therein and all necessary taken.

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Four extra copies of this letter are submitted to the Burgad 1s14 terest in connection with the case of FIDEL CASTRO (FIDEL ALEJANDRO CASTRO 1, WAS; JUAN MANUEL MARQUEZ, FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA, REGISTRATION 1. Bufile 109-539, Mexico 109-91, Havana 109-50). It is suggested that s Bureau may desire to submit extra copies of this letter for the information the Mexics City office.

It is noted that the report quoted above was classified SECRET and rinformation disseminated therefrom should bear the same classification.



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ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The August 24, 1956, issue of "The Americas Daily," Miami, Florida, carried a front page article entitled, "Trujillo Has Planes and Troops Ready for Attack on Cuba, Says Legislator - Sen. Masferrer Says Invasion Would Be Coordinated with Batista's Foes." This was a United Press article bearing Havana, August 23, 1956, dateline, reflecting that Sen. Rolando Masferrer, President of the Armed Forces Commission (in Cuba), declared, in a television interview, that Generalissimo Rafael E. Trujillo has a combat force of 24 war planes and 500 men prepared to attack Cuba in a coordinated invasion of Cuba by enemies of President Fulgencio Batista. Masferrer was described as being an old political enemy of Trujillo who had fought with the Republican Army in the Spanish Civil War.

Masferrer claimed that the attacking Dominican force is encamped along the frontier between the Dominican Republic and Haiti. He declared that at the moment of the invasion, a second contingent of 500 expeditionaries under command of Fidel Castro, Cuban oppositionist leader, presently residing in Mexico, would land from an invading fleet along the Pinar del Rio Coast of Cuba. Masferrer stated that the Cuban Government is aware of these activities and is prepared to crush the first attempt of invasion.

On August 24, 1956, Confidential Informants and both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, and both of whom are well acquainted officially with Cuban activities, furnished the following information

Investigation by the Cuban authorities during recent weeks has disclosed that the Dominican Republic is

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to be used as a base and source of supply in an attempted invasion of Cuba in an effort to overthrow the Batista Government, which invasion is presently scheduled for the second half of the Month of September, 1956. Generalissimo Trujillo is supplying ships, arms and airplanes to be used in this invasion attempt. Dominican Army planes have been marked with Cuban insignia. Trujillo has refused to furnish any Dominican soldiers and has refused to furnish any additional funds to be used in this venture.

Trujillo has been supplying money to Fidel Castro Ruz, leader of the July 26 Movement, which is aimed against Batista. This money is allegedly being used by Fidel Castro in supporting and training a contingent of men located in a camp situated approximately twenty miles from Mexico City in Mexico. and and said that they had learned from one source that Fidel Castro has approximately 180 men at this camp. They learned from another source that Castro had only about 100 men, these being of various nationalities, including a contingent of Guatemalans.

This camp is allegedly conducted on a strictly military basis, and the trainees are allowed leave only once a week, from 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., and any whe, fail to return by 11:00 P.M. are subjected to punishment.

the recent past, made public statements to the effect that 575 he was cooperating with any or all anti-Batista elements, and indicated that these elements included followers of Carlos Prio Accarras, former President of Cuba, who was overthrown by Batista and who is now living in exile at the King Cole Hotel, 7845 Normandy Isle, Miami Beach, Florida.

arrangements have been made to train men in the use of when questioned as to what, if any, planes and equipment being allegedly made available by Trujillo for a September, 1956, invasion, stated that they did not possess the answer to this question. (

Both and and stated that they had no tangible proof that Carlos Prio Socarras is implicated, with exception of the public statements allegedly made by Fidel Castro.

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CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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referred to the arrival in Miami, on July 29, 1956, and Cuban citizens, on board a small fishing boat a Cuban. It is to be recalled that in that instance, an article entitled "Cuban Refugees Get Hearing Tomorrow," which appeared in the July 30, 1956, issue of the "Miami Daily News," reflected that these three men came to Miami after they failed to meet a Costa Rican vessel off the Florida Keys, according to a planned rendezvous. They had fled Cuba in this small boat. These Cubans were represented at an Immigration and Naturalization Service hearing by David Walters, Attorney for exiled Carlos Prio Socarras, who also appeared at the hearing. Prio disclosed to newspaper men that he had been acquainted with Gonzalez, whom he identified as a **Acwspaper editor and Acader of a left wing, anti-Communist** labor party. He said that Gonzalez had at one time taken political refuge in the Costa Rican Embassy in Havana.

On July 31, 1956, an Immigration official in Miami advised that all four of these Cubans had been refused admittance solely on the grounds that they did not possess visas.

said that generally known as and has been closely associated with Carlos Prio during the past few years They stated that in 1947,

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that Trujillo is now supporting these men and others in a joint plan to overthrow Batista. / [] and stated that in July, 1956, after

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from a trip to Kingston, Jamaica, where he had verified entered Jamaica on January 16, 1956, via Pan American Flight Number 604 from Panama, intransit to Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. He departed Jamaica on January 17, 1956, on Pan American Flight Number 431 for Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. examined the passenger manifests relating to the above-described travel, and verified that

name appeared on these manifests. said that also noted that the name appeared as a fellow-passenger on Flight Number 431 from

Kingston, Jamaica, to the Dominican Republic who claims to be a United States citizen, has been implicated in arms deals in the Miami area during the past few years, and that

follower.

stated that also learned, while in Jamaica, that on January 13, 1956, to the Immigration Department, Panama, and got a permit to depart for Cuba. However, when he arrived in Jamaica his passport was stamped,

arrived in Miami,

said that after via the fishing boat, that the passport, and, in return therefor, issued a new passport. said that passport contained indicating that he had arrived in the Dominican Republic, as above indicated

by Pan American Airlines manifests. (V/V)

and said that it appeared that an obvious attempt was being made by the Dominican authorities and to conceal his connections with the Dominican Republic.

With reference to a possible connection between Carlos Prio and Trujillo and stated that during the preceding week, a Dominican who is allegedly a between Trujillo, and Prio, came to Miami where stayed at the home

arrived from Mexico.



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with Generalissimo Trujillo on three occasions since his exile. One of these meetings took place at a hotel in New York City in 1954, and another meeting took place during a tremendous party that Trujillo gave in the mid-West approximately a year ago

and said that developments and evidence obtained during the recent past indicate that and Prio, are now cooperating with their former enemy, Generalissimo Trujillo. Said, however, that in the case it is not so surprising inasmuch as the Cuban authorities obtained evidence in 1949 or 1950 that a Dominican, Mauricio Baez, an enemy of Trujillo, was enticed from his Cuban home by and that no one has since heard of Baez. said that Baez had been making radio talks against Trujillo from Cuban radio stations

now in Miami, is in a quandary because he cannot believe reports that Prio is cooperating with Trujillo. It is to be recalled that a naturalized Cuban of Dominican origin, is an admitted enemy of Trujillo, and is an alleged mamber of the Caribbean Legion.

On August 27, 1956, Confidential Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is well informed concerning many Latins in the Miami area, reported that during the past few days he had learned from Dominican Nationals employed at Miami International Airport that 1,800 Dominican volunteers are prepared to participate in an invasion of Cuba. He learned that most of these men are garrisoned near the Border of Haiti in the Dominican Republic. He also learned that private planes are now required to go four miles out to sea in passing back and forth between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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departed the following day for the Dominican Republic. On August 14 or 15, 1956, the day after she returned to the Dominican Republic,

and gave him a message to deliver to
Carlos Prio. The brother indicated that he would immediately
contact Mario Aguerreberre, former bodyguard to Prio, and
arrange to see Prio. and said that they learned
through their informant that

and that he had to consult Prio

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David Walters, Attorney for Carlos Prio, went to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami to state that his client, Prio, wanted to go to Bimini, B.W.I., on a fishing trip. Sand said that although Prio did not go to Bimini, Prio did go fishing on the night of August 20, 1956. They believed that he went on this trip for the purpose of meeting somebody. They did not know his destination.

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said that Fidel Castro presently resides at Pedro Barondo #18, Apartment 4. Mexico. D. F.. and that

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that age both Cubans, arrived in Miami on August 17, 1956, via Pan American Flight 436 from Port au Prince, Haiti, destined to Mexico via Miami. They left Miami on August 18, 1956, via Guest Airlines. Both stated that is very, close to Fidel Castro and that he was allegedly carrying important papers from Trujillo to Fidel Castro. They said that both Prieto and Lopez Fernandez participated in the Moncado incident at Santiago de Cuba which was led by Fidel Castro

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stated that the Cuban Government has received information indicating that Carlos Prio has seen and met

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HAVANA AND TRUJILLO CITY VERY TENSE AGAIN

VIOLENT STATEMENTS BY BATISTA CONCERNING THE "INVASION"

The Police Reveal "Another Plan" with Murders

Havana, August 28, 1956—(By radiotelephone)—"The sovereignty of Cuba is inalienable, inviolable and invulnerable," said General Batista to the newspapermen who questioned him yesterday afternoon on a supposed attempt to invade the national territory. The Chief Magistrate added: "Only an unbalanced mind could entertain the idea that Cuba can be invaded. And if that unbalanced mind should try it some time, he would see how the people of Cuba, and of course, along with the Cuban people are the government and the armed forces, will respond to the attacks."

The Chief of State, who had just returned from his usual week-end in Varadero, later inspected the four T-B-M planes, torpedo planes and bombers, given to the Cuban Navy by the North American government, in accordance with the lend-lease plan agreed upon by both countries.

On the other hand, the chief of the Cuban police, through a spokesman whose name was not announced, answered the charges made recently against the Cuban authorities by the Trujillist regime, with the revelation of a plan of the Dominican government to interfere in our sovereignty, which includes murder, negotiations and bribery of functionaries of our government.

Two days ago, the Chancellor of the Dominican Republic made statements to the United Press, in which he scored Senator Rolande Masferrer and a "Cuban policeman" for their systematic opposition to the government of that country.

The spokesman in question said that Batista respects American rules and standards and that our Republic has always tried to have harmony prevail among the peoples of America.

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He added that the government of Carlos Prios murdered the worker Mauricio Baez in Cuba, and that the police investigators, today in the service of Trujillo, did not wish to clear up the crime. It said that the Chief of the Cuban Secret Police was used by Trujillo to send personal enemies to Luqueron, while he remained in Mexico due to a delay of the plane which was to take him to Santo Domingo.

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The police spokesman said that after the murders which were committed in the United States by emissaries of Trujillo, Cuban traitors the Dominican exile, in Havana, in return for money which they received from the Trujillo government.

Then, the statements of the Cuban police say that the government of the neighboring country introduced in Cuba a system which abuses normal relations between countries, and they label as false and unreliable the charge by the Chief of the Army of the Dominican Republic to the effect that General Tabernilla, Cuban Chief of Staff, arranged for the acquisition of arms to be used against that country.

Further on, he accused and others, whom he described as "gangster elements", since they are in the service of Tqujillo, and he denounced the padt agreed upon a few days ago between the latter and Carlos Trio.

oreigner) to develop plans of insurrection in tuba in conjunction with Cuban gangsters.

He also stated that "El Extrano" and got a visa for their passports in Jamaica to go to Santo Domingo, and they then came to Cuba, as did and others, in order to attack important persons in the government. He then says that these persons had to leave the national territory, for which they had the protection of the Dominican Government, as is proved by the case who headed toward the Dominican Republic after his stay in Miami.

In the meantime, the Cuban Chancellor, declared to the press that the Cuban authorities had proved that terrorist and insurrectional elements had entered the Dominican Republic. He said that these activities were covered up by the Trujillo government and that the Cuban government has in its possession a passport which proves that "El Extrano" left with on January 17 of this year for the Dominican Republic, via amaica, without having the entry into and the departure from the aforementioned territory stamped on that document, something which is normally required in all such cases.

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ro MR. A. H. BELMONT DATE: October 5, 1956

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MR. R. R. ROACI

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CUBAN POLITICAL SITUATION

(c) CIA has been receiving reports indicating that there may be an attempt made to overthrow the Batista Government within the near future. CIA feels that this situation can be considered as being rather serious primarily because there have been such frequent reports coming in from various sources in Cuba and Latin America.

Our Legal Attache has been alerted concerning the situation.

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None. For your information.

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on setaber 5, 1986, an informant was her furn whed reliable information to the post advised that he had received in ormation reflecting that an uttempt would be made at some unknown time during this month to overthrow the hatista lovernment.

The informant stated that this attempt will reportedly be a foigh ar leavor by cresident Profills of the coninican sepublic, Aidel Castro leader of the July 36 (lub, and exiled former traditions Carles Oria Socarras of Cabus The informant stated that President Prufilla will fly fifteen plants and other equipment presently in the bondwices beginning. But that the pilote will be americane and cubons and that nectionin ions pilote will porticipate. The informant statud the cofidel Castro will reportedly arrive to Place del Sto, Province of Luba, from his heads arters in Newton and that the initial atiads will take place at hestings de Coba. The informant stuted that according to his informats at more than 20 Cubase from Figur will periseloate over though there are reportedly more than 200 Hims members of the July 86 Club. Informant stated that Garlos Prio Securres expects that he will be the constitutional president for all a line if this revolution succeeds.

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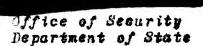
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

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Director, FBI

DATE: October 19, 1956

Legat, Havana (109-32)

SUBJECT:

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA

In connection with a scheduled meeting of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) to be held in Havana during the latter part of October and the first part of November, 1956, there are attached five copies of a memorandum setting forth information on Cuban Revolutionary Activities Which Will allegedly occur during the course of the IAPA meeting.

Copies of the attached memorandum were made available locally to the Ambassador, CIA, and the Army and Navy Attaches.

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October 19, 1956

RE: CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES

On October 18, 1956, Mr. Francis McCarthy, United Press representative in Havana, Cuba, advised that there may be some revolutionary activity in connection with the meeting of the Inter-American Press Association in Havana. He said that the various committees of the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) will commence meeting on October 22, 1956, and the full session of the IAPA will commence on October 28 and last until November 3, 1956.

Mr. McCarthy said he was informed that some sort of revolutionary outbreak will be staged, not with the thought that it will be successful in overthrowing the BATISTA Government, but rather to force the government to place censorship into effect with the resulting embarrassment to the Government before the IAPA.

Mr. McCarthy did not disclose the source of his information and for this reason the reliability of the information is completely unknown.



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Office Men orandum. United States Government

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 25, 1956

FROM

Legal Attache, Havana (109-56)

SUBJECT:

INVASION OF BRITISH ISLAND
SAY SAL" BY GROUP OF CUBANS
OCTOBER 18, 1956
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS- CUBA



Cay Sal is a very small island located a short distance off the north coast of Cuba. It is British territory and has been in a semi-abandoned state for many years although some months ago it was leased to an individual

who is reported to be building a fishing lodge and doing some dredging work on the island.

Several months ago the Cuban press carried statements of a number of different public figures in Cuba who were arguing the question as to whether Cay Sal was not rightfully Cuban territory.

The Cuban press on 10/19/56, reported an invasion of the island by a small group of Cubans. The Embassy "Weeka" of 10/24/56, carried the following item regarding the invasion:

"On October 18 a group of ten young Cubans 'invaded' Cayo Sal, a small island in the Bahamas lying some 28 miles to the north of Cuba, in a 'symbolic gesture' to assert Cuban sovereignty over the island. group had chartered the fishing vessel 'Miss Take' at Varadero, and taken control from the captain when at sea. Their landing was unopposed. The island has only a handful of permanent residents, including a few Bahamians and Cubans working an American who obtained a concession from the British to develop a tourist resort there, and a representative of British customs. The men started to lower the British flag, but desisted when the customs representative threatened to shoot if they did, and contented themselves with flying the Cuban flag on a short pole. The youths were members and sympathizers of Jose PARDO Llada's Nationalist Revolutionary Party (PNR), and sent him a pretentious message, dated

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prior to their excursion, stating that they had undertaken the task of 'recovering the sovereignty of a part of Mother Cuba,' and that their action was a 'proclamation of Cuban right to Cayo Sal.'

accompanied by various newsmen and politicians, flew to Cayo Sal the following day, as did several newsmen from Miami. Before their arrival, however, a small contingent of armed British troops had arrived by plane, rounded up the Cuban youths, who reportedly had only a .32 revolver between them, gassed and provisioned their vessel, lowered and restored the Cuban flag, and had seen them off to Varadero.

"Comment: The affair was straight comic opera, and as a result has irritated a goodly number of Cuban editorialists and columnists, who feel that Cuban dignity has fared rather poorly. Several politicians, newsmen, and historians, led by the paper EXCELSIOR, and

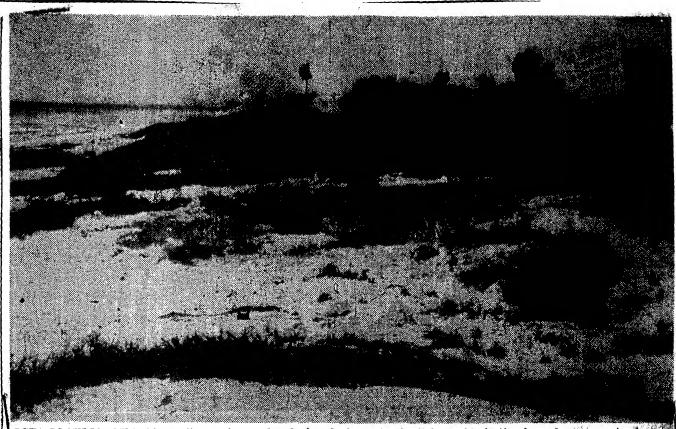
have been publicly maintaining for the past two months that Cayo Sal is Cuban, and that the Government should undertake to have Britain recognize the fact. principal motivation appears to have been desire for personal publicity, and they have been fairly successful. The Ministry of State has limited itself to statements that the matter was receiving due attention. With the news of the 'invasion', the Ministry issued a statement that the youths had no connection of any sort with the Government and had acted on their own. The British Charge consulted the Ministry, and put out a mild statement expressing pleasure at the official disavowal of the expedition and saying that the indident had been reported to London and the Bahamas. No further official statements have been issued, and none are likely."

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information in of the large coverage given this matter in the local press. Att are representative items which appeared in the Havana daily neveral Mundo," and the English language paper, "The Havana Post, issues of October 20, 1956.



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Pacífico Regreso De los Invasores

Policias Nativos de las Bermudas se Bastaron Para "Liberar" a Cayo Sal

La "invasión" del Cayo Sal por mencionado partido político en un grupo de jóvenes cubanos, que vias de gestación, se trasladó haslo hicieron a nombre del partido ta el islote medio perdido en el ción Pedro Rodriguez. Nacionalista Revolucionario, ter-Atlántico. minó con el pacífico regreso de cia nativa enviada de las Baha-

hora en el motel "Oasis" de la sores". Playa Azul y después emprendieon el viaje de regreso a La Habana. Las autoridades británicas muy poco caso hicieron a este movimiento, aunque el jefe del

Pardo Llada declaró a la Prenlos "invasores" a la playa de Va- sa Asociada que el grupo tal vez radero, después de haber sido ex- obró en esa forma porque en Cuba pulsados sin violencia del inhós- existe un sentir oficial de que el pito islote por una fuerza de poli- Gobierngo adquiera el Cayo Sal y otros pequeños islotes cercanes. Nada se ha podido conocer de d Los "invasores" estuvieron una mo opinan los frustrados "inv

Consejo de Guerra CARDENAS, octubre 19. (Wil edo Ibarrola).— A bordo de y te Mistake, llegaron a Varade ro, a las nueve de la noche, los jefe del regimiento Plácido, el ca trece jovenes cubanos que regre- pitán del puerto, De la Torre, saron de Cayo Sal, entre los cuales se encuentran Diego Grimany, el camarógrafo Raúl Hernández, el doctor Raul Campos, Armando ción y los dejaron en libertad. Quin, Reinaldo Aguilera, Rafael Rapa, Hugo Fernández, José Tau- pedicionarios por el corresponsai ler y el patrón de la embarca-

Al arribar a la Playa Azu fueron recibidos por las autorid des, entre las que se encontrar coronel Pilar Garcia Garci el capitán Arsenio Alzugaray, jef de la sección de la Policia Nacio nal, quienes les tomaron declara

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El Mundo Havana, Cuba October 20, 1956 nos islotes cercanos", pero que de la zona de las Bahamas y que Los expedicionarios cindanos se habra violencia y, se intentaria en los amenazaron con ametraliado apoderaron del islote ayer y afintrar en tratos directamente con el ras y rifles. gobierno de Londres.

asunto el gobierno de Cuba.

Mientras tanto, una lancha de la policía está de patrulla aguas del islote esta noche.

Le Dieron Gasolina

LA HABANA, octubre 19. (IN S).—Al regresar de Cayo Sal, Jo-sé Pardo Llada, lider de un grupo Nacionalista Cubano, cuyos miembros dirigidos por César Vega desembarcaron en el territorio ocupado por los ingleses, alegó que el territorio pertenece a Cuba y manifestó que las autoridades de Nassau enviaron dos aviones cargados de policias fuertemente armados para expulsar a los cubanos.

Dijo que diez policías se quedaron para proteger la soberania británica en el cayo. Pardo manifestó que los cubanos que ayer desembarcaron en el cayo trataron de izar la bandera cubana pero fueron prevenidos por un guarda alnado que dijo que dispararía al rimero que bajara la bandera nglesa.

Informes llegados a La Habana feportan que la policia inglesa expulsó hoy a los cubanos que habian tomado posesión de un islote británico cerca de la isla de Cuba colocándoles en un bote. Sin embargo aún no hay confirmación de los informes.

El líder de la oposición José Pardo Llada salió hoy para Cayo Sal por via aérea, donde él y sus acompañantes fueron bien recibi-

dos regresando después a Cuba, Pardo no obstante dijo que se intercambiaron duras palabras en-tre César Vega y el inspector de aduana británico Harcourt Thomson pero no se atacaron. Dijo que un destructor británico habia Îlegado a la isla durante la tarde y que su tripulación tuvo duras palabras contra los cubanos calificándoles de "invasores".

Finalmente les dieron gasolina a los cubanos para que regresaran a la playa de Varadero en su bote motor. La llegada de los cu banos a Varadero, donde Pardo Llada los estaba esperando fue confirmada esta noche.

Pardo Llada manifestó que lo ingleses confiscaron la cámara ciematográfica de un cubano y una istola que tenía Vega,

Pardo, que es un declarado enenigo del gobierno de Batista an-es de salir para Cayo Sal dijo que en vista de la indiferencia del gobierno de proteger la soberania de Cuba, su partido tomará la acción necesaria para forzar a los ingleses a que devuelvan el cayo a Cuba.

La controversia sobre la soberania de Cayo Sal existe en Cuba desde agosto cuando el concejal del Municipo de la Habana Agustin Navarro denunció que la Gran Bretafia habia "usurpado" la so-berania cubana.

de la zona de las Bahamas y que

Ante esa actitud, los jóvenes que se trataba de una calaverada citados se agruparon junto a la co residente de la isla, les impiy que nada tenía que ver en el bandera cubana, alegando que se dió, sin embargo, arriar el estanhallaban en territorio de nuestro darte británico. El Cayo Sal es país, cuya enseña fué arriada con todo respeto por los ingleses, quienes izaron de nuevo la de Albión, construyendo alli un coto de pestras de comprobar que no había ca. Moody arendo el islote del sido estropeada.

> Seguidamente, se formô un consejo de guerra contra los citados cubanos, a los que se calificó de piratas, pero tras una cálida defensa hecha por el jefe del grupo, Cesar Vega, se logró convencer e los jueces de que se trataba de expedicionarios, y fueron dejacos en libertad.

> Nos informó César Vega que les ingleses los despojaron de las peliculas que habían tomado, así omo del revolver que portaba diho joven, quien alegó que tenía cencia para portarlo y que aquel era un territorio cubano,

> Algunos compatriotas que residen en Cayo Sal, recibieron con alegria a los cubanos. También fueron objeto de demostraciones de júbilo al llegar a Varadero, por numerosas personas que fueron a recibirlos.

Como Fué la Ocupación

MIAMI, octubre 19. (INS).-Una pequeña fuerza militar con sus efectivos provistos de armas de repetición y fusiles salió hoy de Nasau, en las islas Bahamas, a bordo de los aviones para tomar posesión del Cayo Sal, diminuto islote situado a doscientos ocho kilómetros de Miami que algunos patriotas cubanos invadieron, para reclamarlo como parte del territorio nacional de Cuba.

Un cablegrama de Bud Malloy, de la oficina de noticias de las Bahamas, a la oficina de fomento de Nassau en Miami, informó que once agentes comandados por el jefe de la policia de Nasau, E. J. H. Conchester Wemys, y el inspector Leslie Kate, formaban el grupo encargado de restablecer la soberanía británica en el cayo.

Los expedicionarios cubanos se caron la bandera de Cuba en la playa. Harcourt Thompson, el únipropiedad de Clarence B. Moody. contratista de Miami, quien está gobierno de las Bahamas hace algunos años y al ocurrir el incidente se trasladó a Nassau en su avión personal para recabar la ayuda de las autoridades británicas.

Habia Pardo Llada

CAYO SAL, octubre 19. (AP). -La invasión de este pedacito de suelo británico por un grupo de cubanos terminó hoy.

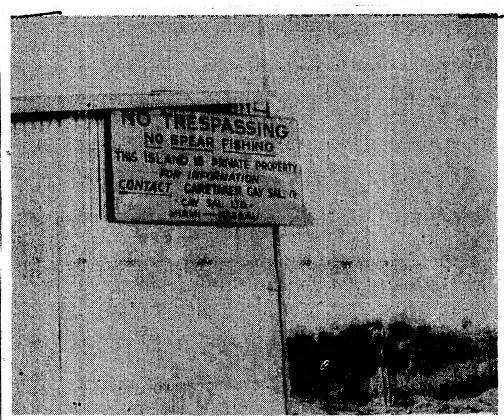
Wn grupo de cubanos que dijeron que eran miembros del pa tico Nacional Revoluconario plat to ayre en suelo de este diminuto islote el pabellón cubano, dicier do que era territorio cubano. Fuerza de policia de las Lucayas bajo la jurisdicción británica expulsó a los cubanos como "inmigrantes ilegales" y les quitó . la bandera, una pistola y municiones. No hubo resistencia y se hicieron a la mar en la barca que los trajo, Ilamada "Mistake".

El gobierno expidió un comunicado en Nassau diciendo que encabezaban el grupo Raúl Campos y César Vega, que desembarcaron del "Mistake" del cual se apoderaron después de arrendarlo en expedición de pesca y que el ca-pitán del barquito Pedro Rodriguez, se había visto envuelto en la aventura contra su voluntad.

José Pardo Llada, presidente del partido citado, llegó al islote a hablar con las autoridades cuando ya se habían ido los cubanos "invasores". Dijo que los del grupo tal vez obreraron en esa forma porque "hay un sentir oficial en Cuba para que el Gobierno ad-quiera el Caro Bul y otros peque-



TRES DE LOS TREINTA soldados nativos de las Bermudas que sin gran esfuerzo recuperaron Cayo Sal de manos de los "invasores" cubanos, quienes sin dificultad fueron "persuadidos" de desistir de su aventura y se reintegraron pacificamente a la playa de Varadero.



LOS CONCESIONARIOS de Cayo Sal han establecido numerosos letreros, con prohibición de pescar y desembarcar en la isla. Para desembarcar hay que pedir permiso al señor Moody, en Miami o en Nassau.

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REMYLET OCTOBER 19 LAST. AT 3:40 AM FODAY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS
ATTACKED PARTY OF COLONEL ANTONIO BLANCO RICO, CHIEF OF CUBAN
ARMY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, IN MONTMARTRE NIGHT CLUB
IN DOWNTOWN HAVANA. COLONEL BLANCO RICO WAS KILLED INSTANTLY
AND
WERE WOUNDED.

ESCAPED AND POLICE SOURCE STATES NO INFORMATION THEIR IDENTITY. POLICE CARRYING OUT LARGE SCALE ARRESTS OF KNOWN OPPOSITIONISTS TO GOVERNMENT. THERE IS SOME OPINION THAT ASSAULT CARRIED OUT TO EMBARRASS BATISTA GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN HAVANA.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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Office Memorandum . United STATES GOVERNMENT

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RE: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

With regard to Passport Certificate

this office anticipates opening a separate

negistration Act case on as it appears he may be an

An anonymous source has

advised that was born in

Between the years 1937 and 1942, he

resided

In 1952, he resided

The Washington Field Office is requested to ascertain if the last registered with the Department of Justice or the Department of State as an agent of a foreign principle.

The New York Office is requested to check its indices for any pertinent information relating to

It is requested that the Bureau, through liaison channels with the detailed background information concerning and his activities in Canada.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES
CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The September 20, 1956 issue of the "Diario Las Americas", published in Miami, carried an article entitled "Armed Invasion of Cuba is Imminent, Declares Senator Rolando Masferrer". This was a United Press, Havana, September 19, 1956, date line, which reflected the above Cuban Senator as stating that Cuba is in "imminent danger of armed invasion on a large scale by revolutionary forces". Masferrer, who is President of the Armed Forces Committee of the Cuban Senate, stated that for the first fifteen days of October troop landings and insurrection movements in the whole island of Cuba are planned. He claimed that the supporters of the insurrection are ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras, Generalissimo Trujillo, of the Dominican Republic, and Fidel Castro, who is head of the July 26 Movement, this being an anti-Batista organization, It is to be noted that Carlos Prio resides in the Miami area, and Fidel Castro is reportedly in Mexico.

Masferrer reported, in the above article, that more than 1,000 men are receiving military training now in Mexico, and that more than 400 men have entered Cuba clandestinely during the last few weeks in order to take charge of the rebel groups. He claimed that the invasion contemplated simultaneous uprisings in the probe of Pinar del Rio and Oriente, as well as in the City of Havana.

The September 21, 1956 issue of the "Diario Las Americas" carried an article entitled "Revolutionary Landings Will Serve as Training for Army, Batista Says". This article bore a United Press, Havana, September 20, 1956 date line. This article reflected that General Fulgencio Batista said in a press conference that those who are conspiring against his regime are lunatics known in the Carib". Batista did not give importance to possibilities of success of any invasion plan, and declared that any such landing "would only serve as training" for the Cuban Armed Forces.

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Miami Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that even though it seems inconceivable that Carlos Prio Socarras, exiled former President of Cuba, should be cooperating with his old antagonist, Generalissimo Trujillo, of the Dominican Republic, that the Cuban Intelligence Services have received reliable information indicating that Trujillo is in the process of aiding an invasion force, which will consist at least in part of the followers of Prio and primarily of followers of Fidel Castro.

said that Batista has been publicly belittling the possibility of success of any such attempted invasion for propaganda reasons in order to conceal the weakness of the Cuban Armed Forces. Trujillo reportedly has a much stronger armed force and is equipped to successfully participate in such an attempt.

reported that the Patriotic Club of July 26 in Miami has a total of 224 members who have been contributing money to Fidel Castro in Mexico. that within the past few weeks approximately fifteen of these individuals have gone to Mexico for military training. and said that the individuals receiving this training in Mexico are expected to return to their original stations in order to give training to five other men, and that squads will be composed of six such individuals, including the trained leader. said that he received this information from an individual whom he considered reliable

said that although Juan Cheda of Miami is listed as the President of the July 26 Club of Miami that actually Juan Manuel Marquez, alias Juan Masquez, is the real leader of this organization in Mighi. He said that Marquez travels frequently via Guest Airlines between Miami and Mexico, and servies as a liaison man and Lieutenant for Fidel Castro.

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CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

October 8, 1956

source that Prio's

learned through a reliable

source that Prio

at Fort Worth,

Texas,

is presently in the

Dominican Republic by Trujille.

said that

said that Trujillo will not allow either of these men to leave unless they are prepared to leave as members of a military invasion force against Cuba.

said that Fidel Castro reportedly has two training camps in Mexico, one being located near Merida, and the other also located somewhere on the Yucatan peninsula.

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On September 25, 1956, Miami Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised

S. E. 8th Street, Miami. Said that advised that

and that he had good connections with officials and important people in the Dominican Republic. Trujillo will aid the Cuban revolutionists. He has promised them aid but he will not give them one Dominican gun or carbine or machine gun or plan until the moment of revolution is at hand. He will not take a chance that such a Dominican weapon be seized or found so that an alliance can be proved between Trujillo and Prio".

Rafael Peralta, Auxiliary Consul, Dominican Consulate, Miami, disclosed that the has been doing some jobs for the Dominican Republic although he is not officially connected at the present time with the Dominican Government.

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CUBA - EDMINICAN REPUBLIC

October 8, 1956

reported that September 14, 1956, went to Ciudad Trujillo and upon returning contacted At that time Dominicans

stated that

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Immediately before

It is to be noted that one of Prio's closest
associates

Miami, who reportedly
Prio. It is also
to be noted that Prio's mirst name is Carlos.

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to eneral Trujillo.

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On October 1, 1956, reported that on September 29, 1956, remarked that he felt that the death of President Somoza of Nicaragua would give rise to political trouble in the Caribbean area; that Trujillo and Somoza had been friends although Trujillo did not always agree with Somoza's politics.

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When pointed out that several Miami newspapers had recently carried articles indicating that Trujillo is now aiding Carlos Prio Socarras told that those reports were correct.

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stated that Prio's is married who had been at "outs" with Prio during the recent past; that in order to get back in the good graces of Prio, had negotiated some kind of an arrangement whereby Prio made contact with Trujillo for military and other assistance in Prio's anti-Batista operations.

Told that Trujillo had promised aid for Prio but would not permit any Dominican arms to get into the hands of Cubans; that Trujillo was moving cautiously but that meetings were being held and plans being formulated so that an anti-Batista operation would succeed.

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docked in Miami

the Prio
organization on the weekend of September 29, 1956,
in order to work out details of the movement against
Batista. did not disclose the identity of this
individual.

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regime in Cuba there was a great deal of anti-Trujillo feeling in Cuba, but that after Batista resumed power that the anti-Trujillo ran rampart and that Batista had recently fostered a great deal of anti-Dominican propaganda and had allowed anti-Trujillo demonstrations to take place in Cuba.

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On September 25, 1956, Miami Informant who has furnished insufficient information in order for judgment to be placed on his reliability. #reported that

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the <u>Generalissimo</u>, is a very close

friend of Prio, who has been allegedly implicated in the Miami area during the past few years.

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GUBA - PONINICAN REPUBLIC

stated, however, that he did not believe that Pric has any connection with Trujillo inasmuch as Pric is opposed to dictators and has never been friendly with Trujillo. Talso stated that he possessed no information indicating that Fidel Castro is collaborating with Trujillo although Midel Castro and Pric are now on friendly terms. The July 26 Club in Miami being trained or recruited in Miami or Mexico for service against Batista. It is to be noted that is on friendly terms with many members of the Pric group and of the July 26 Club in Miami, although he denies membership in this latter organization.

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On September 27, 1956, whose name has been included on a membership list of the Patriotic Club of July 26, and the Dade County Sheriff's Office found certain records pertaining to the Patriotic Club of July 26 while conducting a bolita raid several months ago, denied having information of any collaboration between Trujille, Prio, and the July 26 Club. He also denied having any knowledge of any recruitment or enlistment by members of the July 26 Club in Miami to serve against Batista. He also denied membership in the July 26 Club. It is to be noted that made these statements incidental to being interviewed while furnishing information concerning bad checks which he had received from some customers.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3244)

FROM :

SAC, MIAMI (97-139)

SUBJECT:

PATRIOTIC CLUBS OF JULY 26, miami, tampa, and key west, florida

REGISTRATION ACT; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 10/10/56, and Bureau teletype to Miami, 10/12/56.

There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau twelve copies of a blank memorandum entitled "PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26, MIAMI." Two copies are being furnished Washington Field Office and one each to New York and San Juan for information purposes in view of the interest of San Juan and New York in this subject matter.

For information of the Bureau. (火)(u)

The Washington Field Office is requested to check Central Files of INS to obtain a photograph and complete information concerning last arrived in the United States at Miami on October 14, 1956, via has reportedly made a number of trips since last December between Mexico and Miami.

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Director, FBI

Re: PATRIOTIC CLUBS OF JULY 26,

MIAHI, TAMPA, AND KEY WEST, FLORIDA

REGISTRATION ACT; NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Despite the fact that his original informant has obviously furnished some false information concerning receipt on October 21, 1956.

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that an expedition is being planned by the small group of Cubans in Miami, members of the Patriotic Club of July 26, against the BATISTA Government. This office, however, has been unable to obtain any confirmation of this expedition.

The Miami Office will immediately report any further pertinent information to the Bureau.

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